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SUBJECT: FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN

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# UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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SAC, Springfield (94-210)

SUBJECT:

FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTHAN

FLUER SYLVESTER "DUTCH" DOWLING

TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - ANTI-RACKETEERING

Rebulet 11-27-57 to New York entitled "Top Headlum Program Anti-Recketeering".

As the Bureau is owere WORTMAN and DOWLING have been carried as top hoodlums by this office for a period of time. The activities of these two men are very closely aligned and in fact, their activities in many fields are identical. In preparing reports on these two individuals there would be exact duplications on many phases except for their personal backgrounds.

In view of this it would appear logical that WORTMAN should be earried as the top hoodlum and DOWLING be earried as his principal lieutenant and associate.

In connection with these individuals, it is also pointed out that regular summaries have been submitted regarding these individua. and it is desired that this effice be advised if this information should be repeated in detail in the submission of reports as per relet or if it can be briefly summarized.

For further information of the Bureau, it is pointed out that WORTMAN and his associates have been under grand jury investigatien in the Eastern District of Illinois since September, 1956, and the grand jury has met periodically since that date regarding WORTHAN, DOWLING, and other associates and enterprises and that the grand jury has eccupied a tetal of approximately 75 days on the WORTMAN matter.

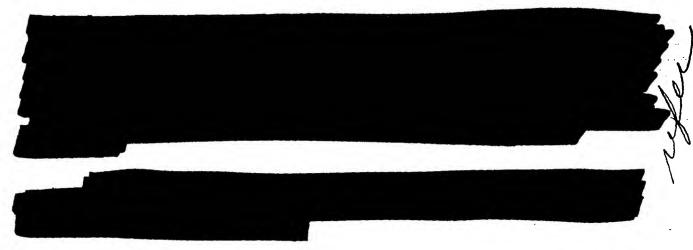
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The Bureau is requested to advise if judicial permission should be requested to review this grand jury testimeny; it is pointed out that U.S. District Judge WILLIAM G. JUERGENS of the Eastern District of Illinois has always been very cooperative with this office and is very familiar with the WORTMAN-DOWLING activities. It is also pointed out that USA CLIFFORD M. RAEMER and his Chief Assistant, Mr. MAAG, of the Eastern District of Illinois, have always been very cooperative and it is felt they will furnish any and all information that would be requested. It is estimated that a complete and thorough review of all available material and preparation of a report would probably take 5 or 6 agents a total of three weeks. This, of course, is taking into consideration developing of leads in this district that would be developed therefrom.

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Per information purposes it is being set out that St. Clair DETAILS: and Madison Counties, Illinois, are immediately across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, Missouri, and both of these counties are considered part of the metropolitan area of St. Louis, and contain a pepulation of over 500,000 people.

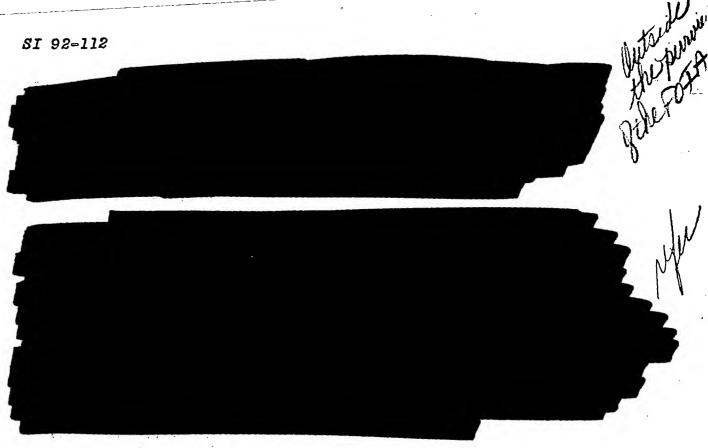
Investigation determined that the principal lieutenant and associate of subject WORTHAN is one ELMER STLVESTER "DUTCH" DOWLING, who is subject of Springfield Case entitled, "ELMER SYLVESTER "DUTCH" DOWLING - ANTI-RACKETEERING". For the purposes of this report, WORTMAN will be referred to as "BUSTER" or "BUSTER" WORTMAN and DOWLING will be referred to as "DUTCH" or "DUTCH" DOWLING.

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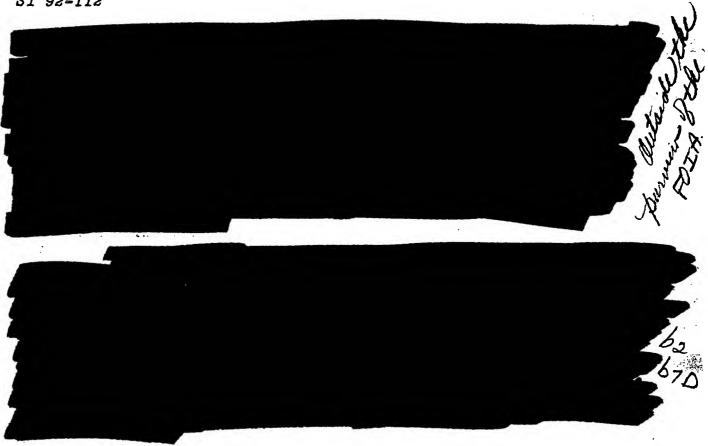
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The only known conviction for a felony on the part of WORTMAN is in connection with the assault on a federal agent wherein WORTMAN was convicted on a trial in U.S. District Court, Springfield, Illinois, and was sentenced to serve ten years in the federal penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on June 25, 1934.





WORTHAN was arrested by the U.S. Marshal, St. Louis, Missourt, February 24, 1954, for contempt of court charge. According to the St. Louis and East St. Louis area press, WORTMAN was called before a Federal Grand Jury investigating labor racketeering in the St. Louis area and at the Grand Jury WORTMAN refused to give the Grand Jury his address. As a result of this action, Judge MOORE ordered WORTMAN to jail and was held in contempt of court. According to the article WORTMAN refused to give his address, stating that his personal life and business was under investigation by the Internal Revenue and that he would not answer the question because the answer might incriminate him. As a result of this, WORTMAN remained in jail until April 6, 1954. The press reported that while in joil, WORTMAN ordered special meals and paid for various meals and cigarettes and other luxuries for the prisoners in the city jail. 67C

The St. Louis office by letter dated April 15. 1954. advised that WORTMAN. was arrested on Octomer, 1927, while driving a truck north on Broadway. WORTMAN and were reportedly arrested as suspects and this arrest resulted in the confiscation of 51 five-gallon cans of alcohol, a bootleg value of \$1020.00.

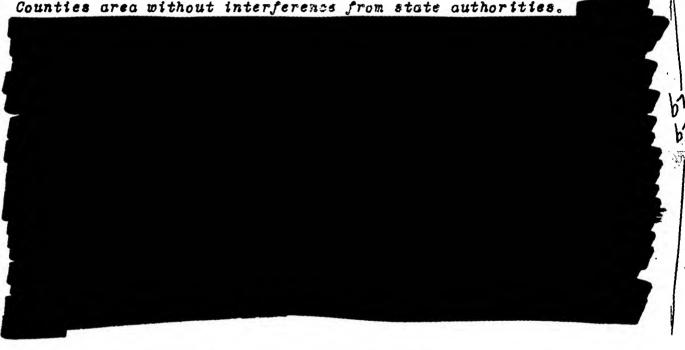
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ORVILLE HODGE was formerly Auditor for the State of Illinois and subsequently was convicted in both state and federal courts in Illinois as a result of the so-called "Hodge Scandals", where HODGE allegedly misapplied, or misappropriated, or embezzled several million dollars of state funds. These matter received nationwide publicity and in the course of the publicity it was frequently pointed out that HODGE was associated with WORIMAN. Various press releases indicated that WORIMAN gave to HODGE some \$200,000 as campaign contributions and as a result HODGE was supposed to arrange for WORIMAN to operate his gambling casinos in the St. Clair-Madison



WORTNAN, from various and numerous newspaper accounts in the metropolitan St. Louis area, is reportedly close to and has influence over law-enforcement officials in St. Clair County, including the E. St. Louis Police and the Belleville, Illinois Sheriff's Office.

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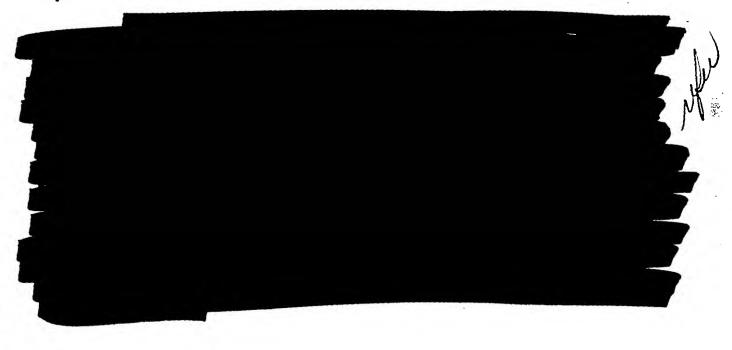


The East St. Louis, Illinois Journal, in August, 1956, earried an article covering the history and activities of WORTMAN and in this article, it is pointed out that in May, 1955, a raid was conducted by the Police Department in rooms above the Terrece Lounge on Collinsville Avenue in E. St. Louis, which lounge is a WORTMAN operation. It pointed out that one WILLIAM BROWN was arrested at this time in connection with a race distributing operation, at which time BROWN was operating with a battery of seven telephones. According to this newspaper article, the charge against BROWN was subsequently dismissed by a Police Magistrate on the grounds that a search warrant used by the E. St. Louis police was faulty. The article also pointed out that found in this raid was a telephone bill addressed to GORDON FOSTER, in care of the Terrace Lounge. Police Commissioner BEEBE at the time made a statement that the evidence found by the police did not mean anything because many persons use the Terrace as an address.

In this same connection, it is noted that within the past week, Police Commissioner BEEBE issued a statement to the St. Louis and E. St. Louis press that he wanted to have BUSTER WORTMAN and others brought to the police station for questioning.

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It is noted that under the caption, Criminal Activities, and Legitimate Enterprises, numerous WORTMAN associates and subordinates will be listed and therefore, they are not being repeated at this time.



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#### D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Over the past years the press of the metropolitan area of St. Louis.

have furnished information that BUSTER

WORTMAN is considered to be the biggest racketeer and hoodlum in the metropolitan St. Louis area. In this connection, it is pointed out that a Federal Grand Jury has been investigating WORTMAN & ASSOCIATES activities in the Eastern District of Illinois, since September, 1956.

The press of metropolitan St. Louis area for years has earried detailed articles regarding WORTMAN & ASSOCIATES and has labeled him as the downstate Illinois lieutenant of the old CAPONE gang and has also labeled him a leader of the EGAN gang, formerly operating in St. Louis, and also has identified him as a member of the Mafia.

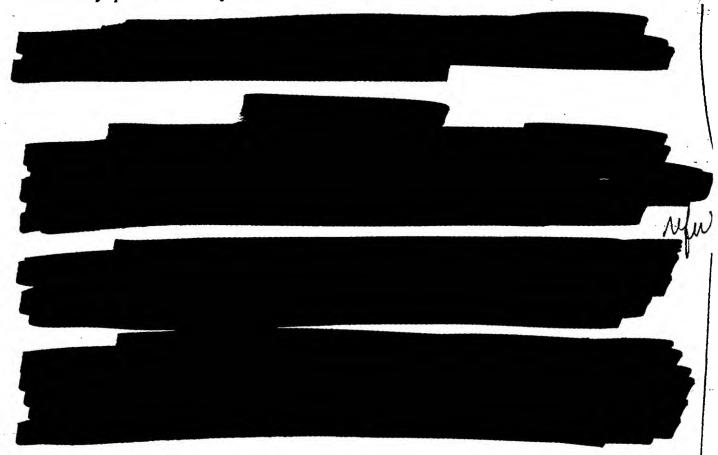
In connection with WORTMAN'S association with the old CAPONE gange, the press has frequently printed articles stating that a halfsister of WORTMAN, one RUTH VIRGINIA WORTMAN, was allegedly arrested in Kennett, Missouri, in 1947 and charged with driving a stolen ear across the state line. Wiss WORTMAN, a Chicago resident, to Id authorities in Kennett that she borrowed the ear from RALPH CAPONE, a brother of AL CAPONE, to drive to the funeral of CARL SHELTON, who was murdered at Fairfield, Illinois, on October 28, and continued her trip to Missouri to visit friends. This woman allegedly explained that CARL SHELTON was her godfather. further aligning WORTMAN with the CAPONE gang, the press has frequently reported that after MONROE "BLACKIE" ARMES was killed in gangland style December 13, 1944, that WORTMAN then took over as downstate Illinois lieutenant of the CAPONE gang. It is noted that ARMES was the one who was convicted with WORTMAN in federal court at Springfield in 1934. WORTMAN in press accounts is further linked with the CAPONE gang as the result of the operation of the Trans-American News PublishingCompany in St. Clair County in 1946. This organization allegedly attempted to muscle in on the Continental Press Service, which was operated by JAMES M. RAGEN of St. Louis and the Pioneer News Agency in St. Louis, headed by PAUL "BEV" BROWN and CLARENCE "GULLEY" OWENS. The press reports the Continental

Press had a nationwide monopoly on horse race results at this time and the Pioneer Agency served the St. Louis area with results after obtaining them from Continental in Chicago. The Trans-American Agency also became known as the Reliable News Agency and in 1946, was incorporated with GORDON FOSTER as one of the incorporators. The press has pointed out that by 1943, the Reliable Agency had split the operators of Pioneer and apparently had a monopoly in the field. The press reports that in the late 1940s and 1950, this Pioneer-Reliable organization were doing a handbook business of a million dollars per year. It is noted that most of the above information was brought out during the course of the Kefauver Committee investigations in the St. Louis area in about 1950.

Other information from the metropolitan St. Louis area press

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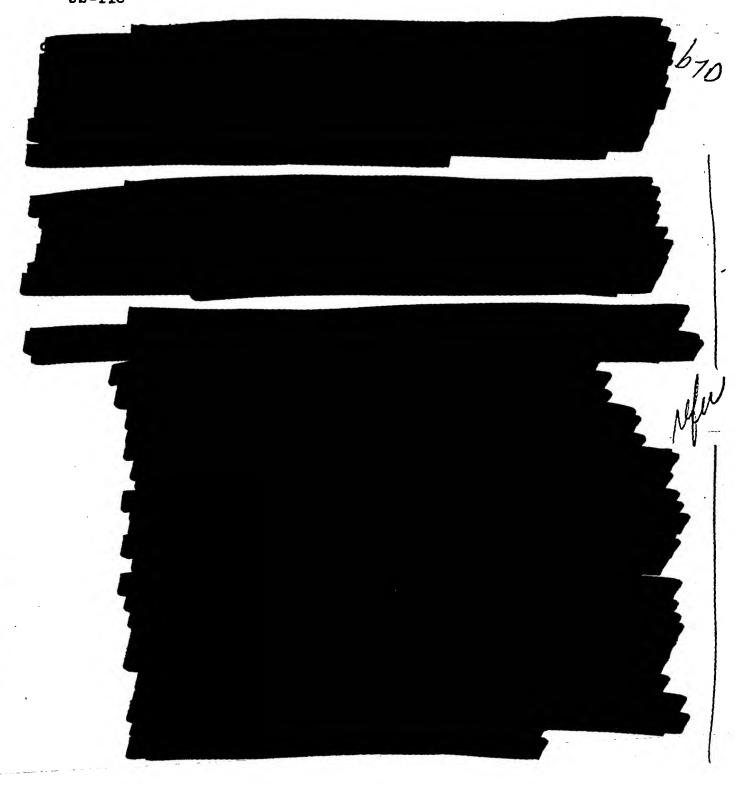
WORTMAN & ASSOCIATES also operated an extensive policy business in the metropolitan St. Louis area, which grossed millions of dollars of business each year; also in operation were a number of gambling easinos, particularly in St. Clair and Madison Counties, Illinois.



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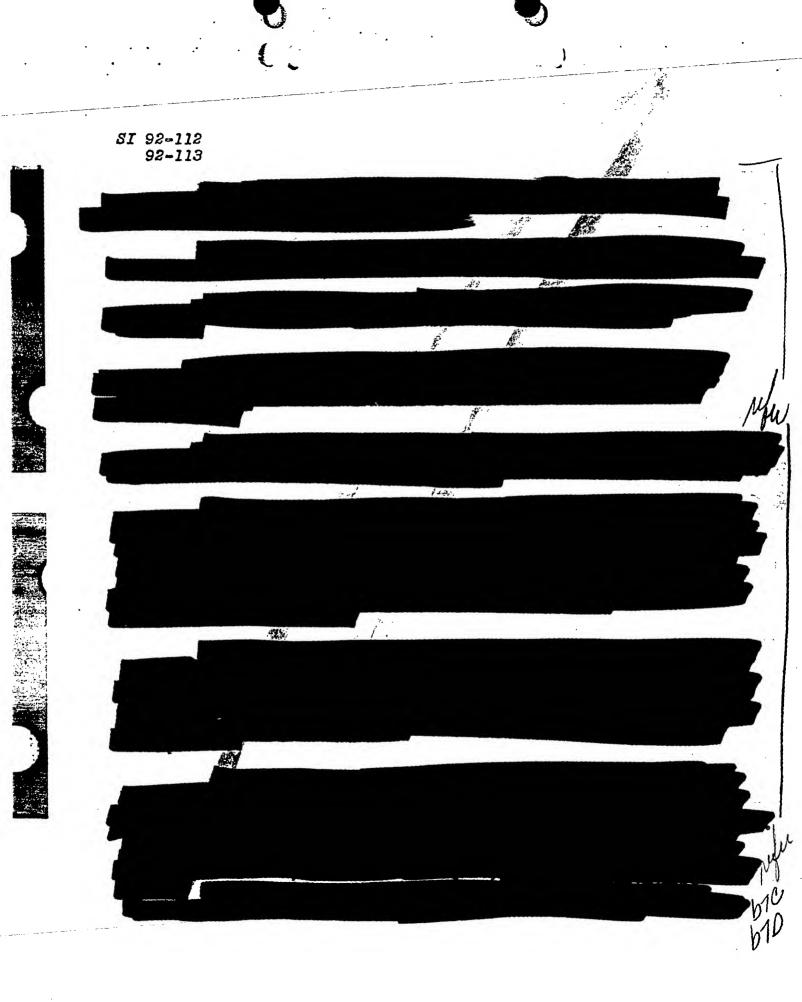


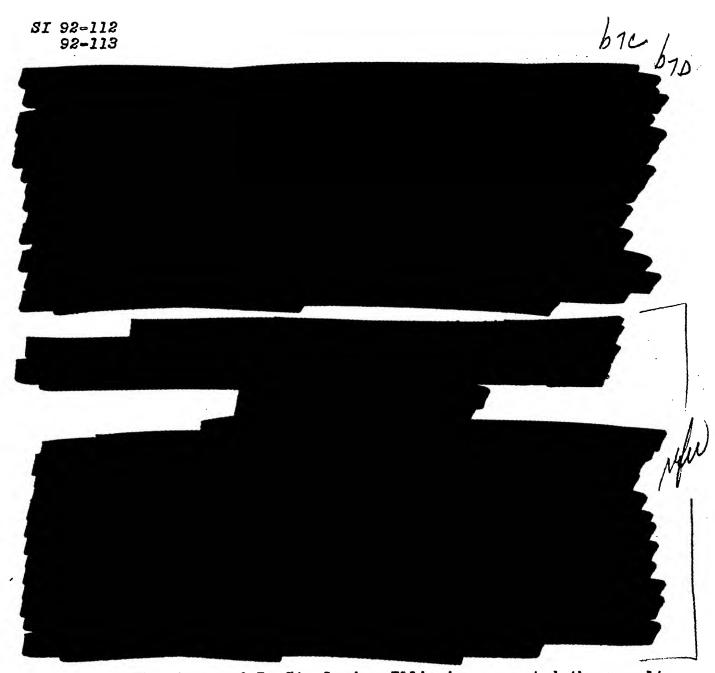
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The press of E. St. Louis, Illinois, reported the results of raids by the Internal Revenue Service on May 6, 1957, when handbooks were raided in the St. Clair County area. As a result of these raids, 13 men and 4 women were charged with bookmaking without purchasing the federal tax stamp. Subsequent to this raid, the press reported that GORDON FOSTER and his close associate, ROBERT SHERR, also were arrested. FOSTER was arrested at a motel and bar operated by ROBERT SHERR at 6500 Bond Avenue, E. St. Louis, Illinois.

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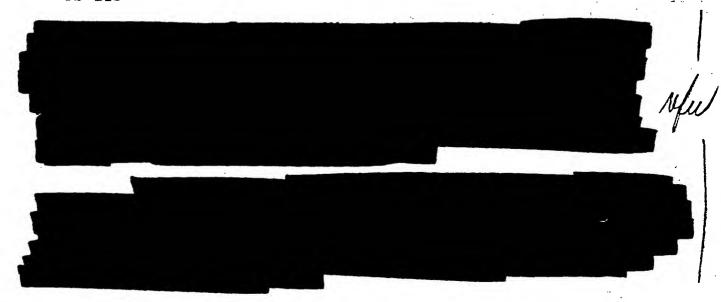
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In connection with the coin mechine business, the press of St. Louis and East St. Louis, within the past several days, have reported the alleged purchase of the W-R Cigarette Company of St. Louis, Missouri, by BUSTER WORTMAN and his brother, TED WORTMAN. The prese reported that this eigerette company was previously operated by ROBERT BROWN of St. Louis, who was mysteriously slain in that city January 24, 1956. Subsequent to BROWN'S slaining, the control of this company went to the hands of the City of St. Louis alderman A. BARNEY MUELLER. MUELLER according to the press, was reported to be a silent partner of BROWN in the algarette business. The press reported that an estimated \$200,000 was placed on this particular transaction. The press has reported that there is apparently considerable friction between WORTHAN'S purchase of the W-R Cigarette Company and the operation of other coin machine businesses in St. Louis, allegedly operated by gangaters JOHN VITALE, TONY GIARDANO, and ANTHONY LOPITARO.



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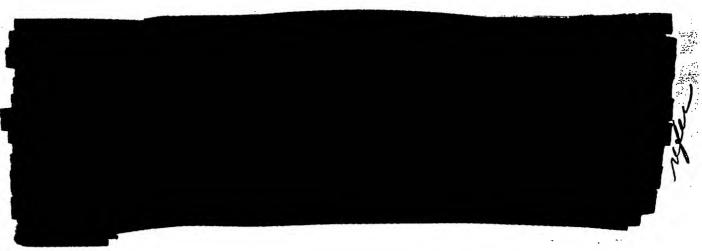
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In connection with the "Boys Club" or Moat Property, near Collinsville, Illinois, this has obtained considerable publicity of the St. Louis and E. St. Louis press over the past year. This property, allegedly in the name of SAM MAGIN, was reported to be a "Boys Club". From personal observation of agents it has been established that this contains a two-story brick building, which is built on a small man-made island, surrounded by a stream of water. The construction of this property has been going on for more than a year and

Photographs of this property have been in the local press and are available in this office. Within the past month, the press has reported that MAGIN has applied for a \$50,000 loan on this so-called moat property. The loan is supposed to be from a corporation in the Bahama Islands.

containing numerous large rooms, three-ear garage, and appears to contain six or seven baths and bedrooms.

SI 92-112 670 92-113 a surveillence by agents, it has been determined that officials from the above three auto companies spend considerable time in and out of the Paddeck Lounge. The Valley Distributing Company at 228 N. 7th Street in E. St. Louis, is a wholesale liquor concern The Long's Metel at 6500 Bond Avenue, in Centerville, Township on the outskirts of E. St. Louis, is now operated by Vand was formerly a gambling and beekmaking location for the VORTHAN assectates. Observation and surveillance has indicated that apend considerable time at this elub. DUTCH DOWLING and The Clee Club on Collinsville Read near E. St. Louis, is bic. presently operated by one continue and is the old Red R Club, which was a well known fortill gambling establishment. and is the old Red Reester

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In view of information previously set out in this report to the effect that WORTMAN was convicted of assault of a federal agent in 1934 and also he was arrested in possession of a .45 caliber automatic in 1949, as well as other information to the effect that WORTMAN at times is armed, THIS PERSON SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

It is also noted that information has been furnished that WORTMAN occasionally has bodyguards and these individuals usually are

From observation the home that WORTMAN built in the Collinsville area at the address, No. 2 Summit Drive, is a large ranch style brick home, and has been estimated in the press to be worth approximately \$100,000.00. From information developed in this report, WORTMAN does not stay at home, but lives at the Broadview Hotel.

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#### I. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPHS

From information in the file s of the Springfield Office and observation of WORTMAN and from contact with informants, the following is a description of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN:

White Rece Sex Vale March 4, 1904, E. St. Leuis, Ill. DOB 51 7" Height 165# Weight Brown, combed straight back, receding Hair at hairline Ruddu Complexion Eyes Brown Medium Build Usually neatly dressed Dress Heavy drinker Characteristics FBI No. 739 186 Suite 608, Breadview Hetel,

E. St. Louis, Ill.

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429 St. Leuis Ave., Paddeck Club, E. St. Leuis, Ill.

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ENCLOSURES TO NEW YORK: 1 photograph of WORTHAN

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM OFFICE Director. FBI Date: 12-26-57 SAC. Springfield (92-112) SUBJECTS FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Wes., ANTI-RACKETEERING Enclosed herewith is report of SA deted 12-26-57 et Springfield, Illinois. IN VIEW OF INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY SET OUT IN CAPTIONE REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT WORTHAN WAS CONVICTED OF ASSAULT OF AGENT IN 1934 AND ALSO HE WAS ARRESTED IN POSSESSION OF A .45 CALIBER AUTOMATIC IN 1949, AS VELL AS OTHER INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT VORTMAN AT TIMES IS ARMED, THIS PERSON SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS. <u>LEADS</u> SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION AT LAS VEGAS. NEVADA Will endeaver to develop information as to wheth WORTHAN and his associates are presently interested in any of gambling casines in that area. letter dated 12-25-55. 67D COPIES DESTROYED AT LEAVENWORTH . KANSAS 9 14 MAY 18 1-1 Will at the Leavenworth Penitentiary, review the prison file regarding FRANK WORTMAN, Leavenmerth File #45268 for all information of value and background information regarding subject, 2 - Bureauch Enc. 2) 12-2810-3 2 - New York (Enc. 2) 8-11-5 2 - Selt, Lake City (Enc. 2) 2 - Kansas City (Inc. 2) 2 - St. Louis (Enc4/2) 4 - Springfield. (92-142)

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particularly as to visitors and correspondents of this person.

#### ST. LOUIS DIVISION

The St. Louis office should review its files and report any pertinent information regarding WORTMAN that is not set out herein.

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The St. Louis office should also contact logical informants who would be in a position to furnish information regarding WORTMAN.

The St. Louis effice should also endeaver to develop information regarding WORTMAN'S association with other St. Louis hoodlums, particularly in reference to the sale of the W & R Cigarette Company to WORTMAN within the recent past.

It is noted that the St. Louis press has reported considerable information that there is the possibility of a gang war between WORTMAN and other coin machine operators of the hoodlum calsber in St. Louis.

formation regarding WORTMAN'S who reportedly lives in St. Louis county.

#### SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

### AT SPRINGFIELD. ILLINOIS

Will review the files of the U.S. Atterney's Office regarding the conviction of WORTMAN in U.S. District Court at Springfield for assault of a federal agent in 1934. Will also review the files of the U.S. Attorney for any subsequent investigation they may have regarding WORTMAN as it is believed that office made some inquiry or investigation regarding WORTMAN in the recent past. In connection with WORTMAN'S conviction, in 1934, it is noted he was allegedly identified as being in a bank robbery at Pana, Illinois, in April 1934. The Springfield Office should endeavor to locate information in the U.S. Attorney's files regarding this identification of WORTMAN in connection with the bank robbery.

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# AT PANA, ILLINOIS

Will conduct investigation through law-enforcement agencies concerning the alleged participation of WORTMAN in a bank robbery at that city in April 1934, as mentioned above.

## AT FAST ST. LOUIS. ILLINOIS

Will continue to conduct investigation regarding the activities of WORTMAN in the contact with informants.



#### REFERENCE

Bulet to New York, dated 11-27-57.

cc: 1 - Mr. Fardman 1 - Mr. Rósen SAC, Springfield (92-112) Lanuary 14, 1958 Director, FBI PERSONAL ATTENTION FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, was ANTI-RACKETEERING Reference your letter and report of SA both dated December 26, 1957. It is noted that referenced letter and report were not personally read and initialed by you, although Bureau letter to New York dated November 27, 1957, copies of which were furnished to your office, contained instructions that this program should receive your personal attention. It is recognized that credit checks, police contacts and informants are necessary sources to be contacted. However, in order to efficiently administer this program, it will be necessary to employ ingenuity, initiative, good judgment and alertness. The purpose of this program is to develop information concerning any violation either within the Bureau's jurisdiction or the jurisdiction of other investigative agencies which may result in prosecution of the subject. You should, therefore, institute more active investigation in this program. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND Referenced report does not indicate that the subject! birth and marital status were verified from original records. Investigation should be conducted to verify these vital statistics CRIMINAL RECORD EX-131 RECORDED - 9 It is noted that subject's record of arrests on pages 4 and 7 of referenced report does not indicate the allaboration of his errest You should endeavor to obtain this disposition through court records. You should also attempt to obtain the results of the Grand Jury proceedings at East St. Louis in 1934 and St. Louis in 1954. Tolson MAILED II Nichols Boardman cc: 1 - New York (for information) JAN 14 1958 Belmont Mohr -Parsons COMM - FBI Rosen Tamm. Trotter Nease Holloman . Gandy,

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attempt to obtain the circumstances concerning the subject's 12 arrests as a robbery suspect and 6 arrests for investigation, and his subsequent

release after these arrests,

#### ASSOCIATES

You should endeavor to obtain the source of information and thereafter be certain that you are fulfilling the Bureau's responsibilities concerning violations of the statute covering Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications.

#### CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

You should report the addresses of the associates of Wortman and the locations of his clubs as set out in referenced report. The information concerning the past activities of the subject has a value in connection with the top hoodlum program; however, the purpose of the program is to determine the present activities of those persons considered to be top hoodlums. You should, therefore, direct your investigation toward establishing the current activities of Wortman.

#### LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

It is suggested that you review public records which record the officers and incorporators of those enterprises with which Wortman is alleged to have a financial interest. These records may contain information concerning the extent of his financial interest and associates in the enterprises. Consideration should also be given to the possibility that Wortman's automobile and coin machine operations may be covers for possible violations within the Bureau's jurisdiction in the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle and Interstate Transportation of Gambling Device Statutes. It is also possible that his taxicab business may cover prostitution and gambling activities.

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You have reported information from concerning places frequented by the subject, however, you should consider utilizing surveillances and developing live sources closely associated with the subject to obtain more positive information concerning his hangouts.

#### TRAVEL

Referenced report indicates that spot surveillances have developed the location usually used to park Wortman's automobile. You should determine through surveillances whether he uses other vehicles which are not registered to him. You should also evaluate the possibility of employing any unusual investigative techniques on vehicles used by subject.

## PERSONAL HABITS AND PECULIARITIES

Referenced report indicates that Wortman is closely associated with You should determine whether before the owner of this property.

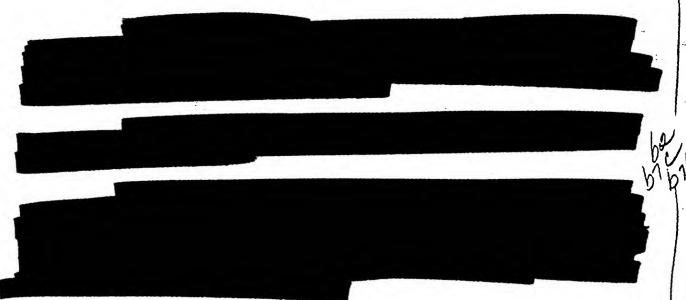
# PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Referenced report does not indicate the date the photograph of Wortman was taken. If this is not a recent photograph, you should endeavor to obtain a recent likeness.

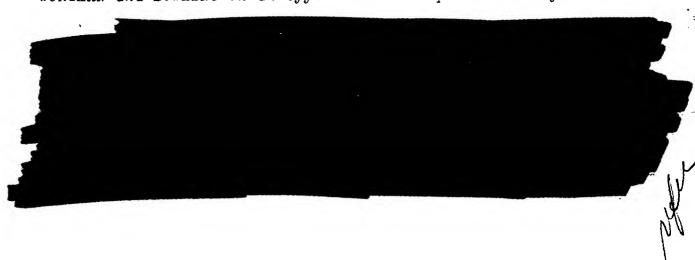
The Top Hoodlum Program is being closely followed at the Bureau and must be given your personal attention. You should make certain that sufficient personnel are assigned to this program to accomplish the Bureau's objective. Investigation in this case should be accelerated and the report submitted to reach Bureau by February 14, 1958.

Office Mer. adum · united states government DATE: 1/14/58 DIRECTOR, FBI (92-112)SAC, SPRINGFIELD FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, wa. "Buster" SUBJECT: ANTI-RACKETEERING Re SAC Letter 57-70. The criminal informants available to furnish information concerning WORTMAN are as follows: 92- 2810 - 5 - SI 92-112 7 57 (8)

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Efforts are being made to contact former associates of WORTHAN and DOWLING in an effort to develop them as informants.



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SUBJECT:

TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM

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DATE: 1-16-58 Boardman Belmont Mohr Trotter Clayton Tele. Room Hollomon Gandy

Reference is made to Bureau Letter to New York dated November 27, 1957. Referenced letter furnished all field offices with

instructions concerning administration of the Top Hoodlum Program. All offices were instructed to forward photographs of top hoodlums to the New York Office. Since that time, the New York Office has been forwarding copies of photographs of top hoodlums.

The purpose of this memorandum is to channelize photographs of top hoodlums submitted by the New York Office into the individual case files. The photographs will be detached from the New York airtel and filed in the individual case files under cover of a copy of this memorandum without indexing.

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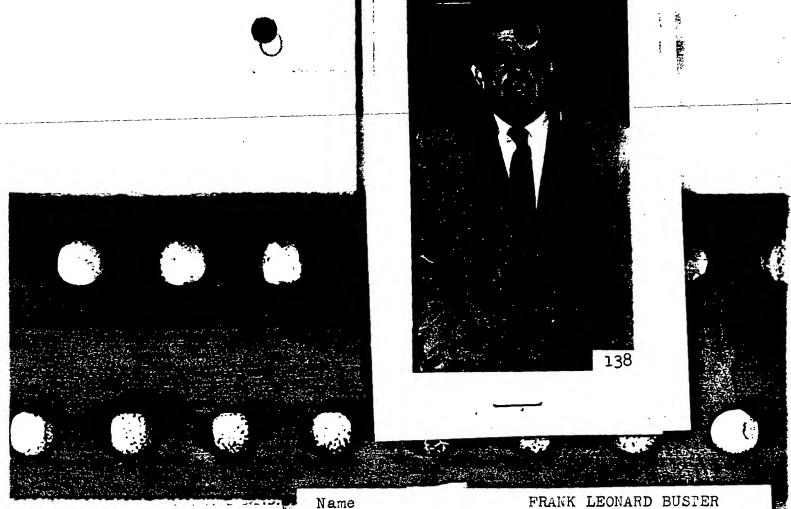
It is recommended that approval be granted for preparation of 250 copies of this memorandum to be used in filing photographs of top hoodlums.

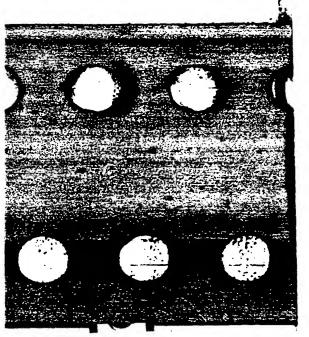
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WORTMAN
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Director, FBI

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SAC, Springfield (92-112)

SUBJECT:

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, was.

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Re Bulet, 1-14-58.

Observations and suggestions made by Bureau noted and will be followed. Report will be submitted as instructed.

In relet Bureau noted that report of SA and cover letter, both dated December 26, 1957, were not personally read and initialed by me. The Bureau likewise indicated that, as previously instructed, this program should receive my personal attention.

For the information of the Bureau, this classification is being supervised by me and has been receiving my close personal attention. It will further be noted that I was on extended annual leave from the period beginning December 18, 1957, through January 2, 1958, and I was out of the territory. The report and letter in question were initialed by the Acting SAC, the ASAC.

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## A. Persenal History and Background

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Leuis, Illinois, on December 4, 1904, with negative results.

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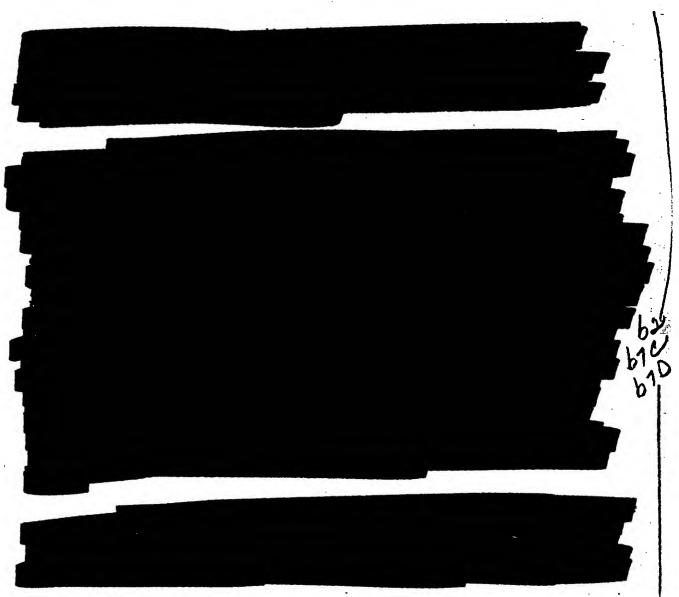


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B. Criminal Record

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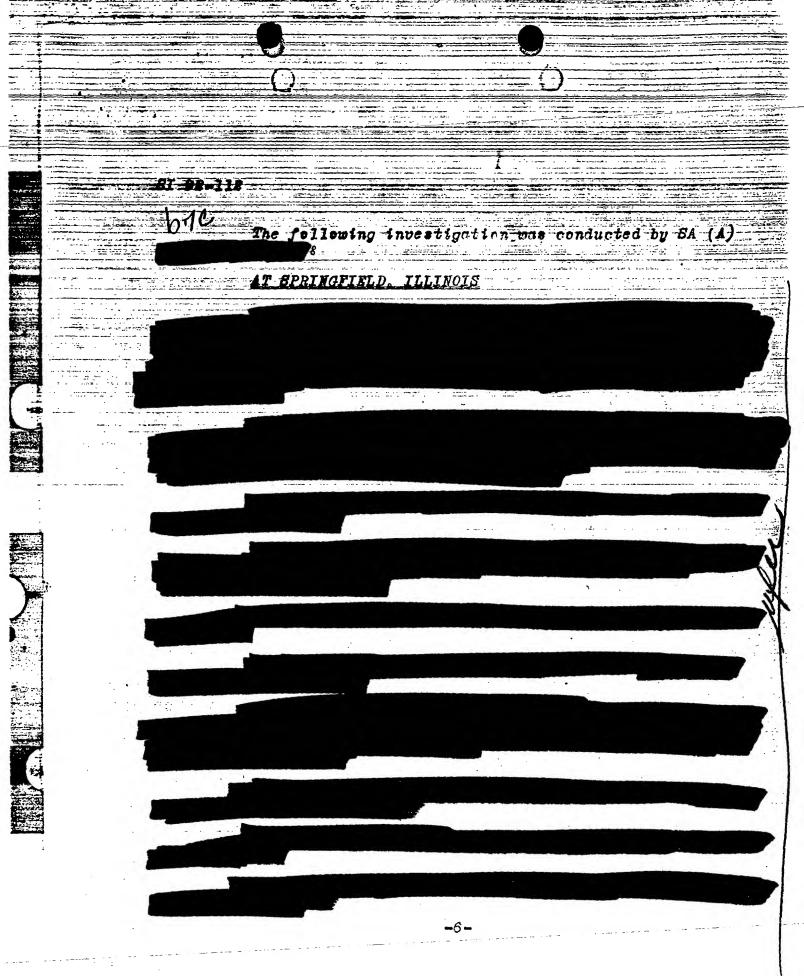
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April 19, 1934.

The following investigation was remarked regarding this information:

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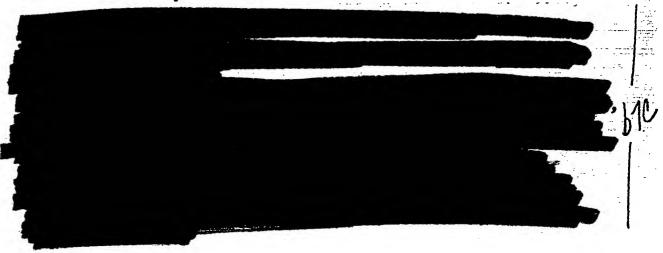
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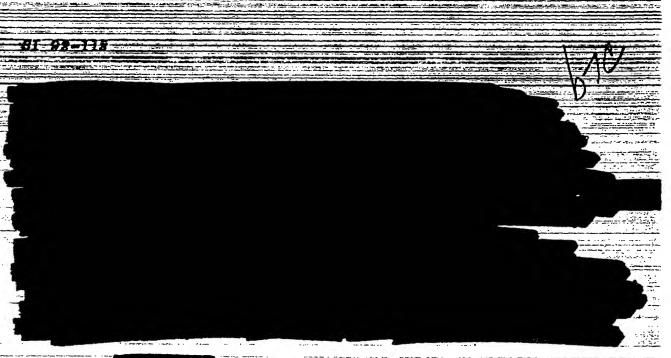
By communication dated January 13, 1958, the Kaneas City Office furnished the fellowing information obtained at the U.S. Penttentiary, Leavenworth, Kansass

The following individuals were listed as co-defendants of WORTMANS

JOE BONO, MOUROE ARMES and DOMINIC MESSINA.

The fellewing individuals were listed as friends, relatives and correspondents and visitors?





cles made available a Photostat of the initial secial interview of WORTMAN at the institution, as well as six capies of his photograph, all of which were ferwarded to the Springfield Office.

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The results of the social interview with subject at the penitentiary dated July 25, 1934, does not contain any information not previously set out.

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FIVER STATES TEAR DUTCH DOLLING who resides at 200 Hillcrest;
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Dicken 41915, FBI #1644966. It is noted that DOWLING to
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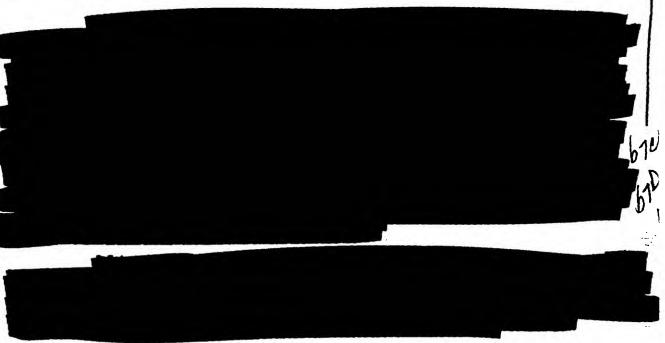
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#### D. Criminal Activities

Policy Operations



On February 4, 1958, at 3830 P.M., SA observed two men seated in a 1958 black Lincoln Continental marked three of the 5th Street side of the Paddock Lounge just north of St.

Louis Avenue. in East St. Louis. This car bore

spreviously observed during the course of February 4, 1958, while spot checking the Paddock Lounge parking lot was a 1958 black Oldsmobile convertible bearing

A survetilance was thereon maintained on the 1958 Lincoln by SA's

The Lincoln which from observation was placed in a Phillips 66 Service Station and the occupant, who was a 1958 black Oldsmobile convertible bearing

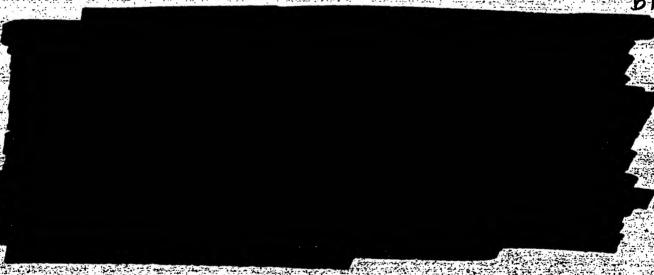
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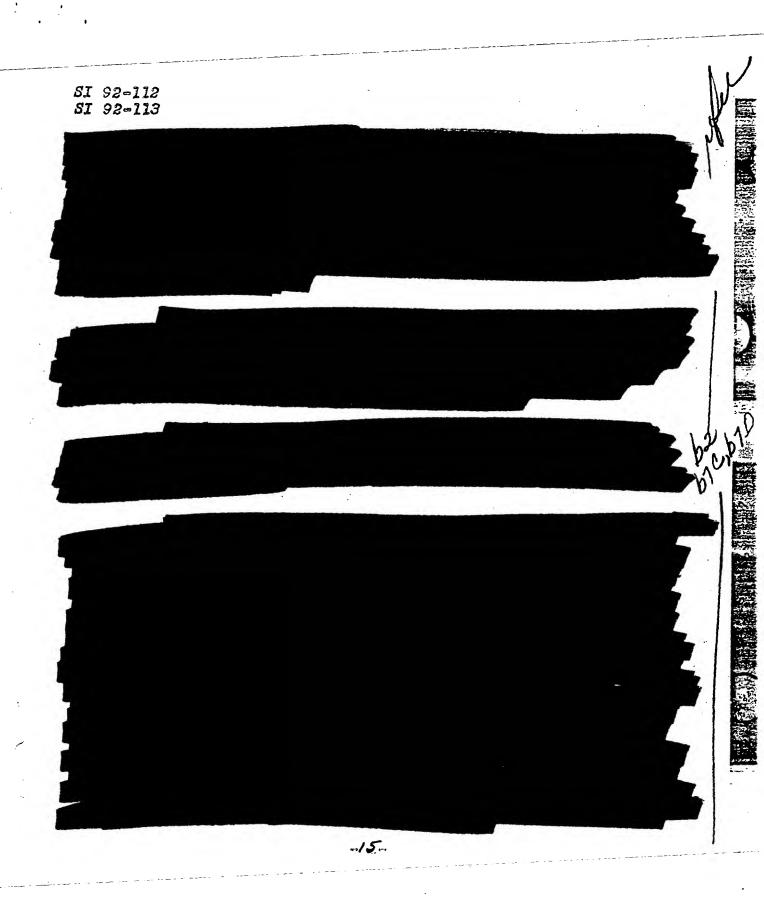
on February 4, 1958, these two individuals generally rode around

the Brooklyn community; at approximately 6:15 P.M. these two individuals parked their automobile on Adams Street just north of 5th Street in Brooklyn. These two individuals got out of the automobile and proceeded into a small house three doors from the intersection of 5th and Adams. These two men stayed inside the house for approximately thirty minutes and then came out and get into their Oldsmobile convertible and proceeded to ride around town for another hour. After this period of time the two individuals went to the Harlem Club in Brooklyn, which is operated by After approximately thirty to fertifie minutes, these two individuals then returned to the streets of Brooklyn and proceeded to visit various cafes and taverns in this town. It is noted that about this period of time agents observed two oldsrette machines being delivered into the streets.

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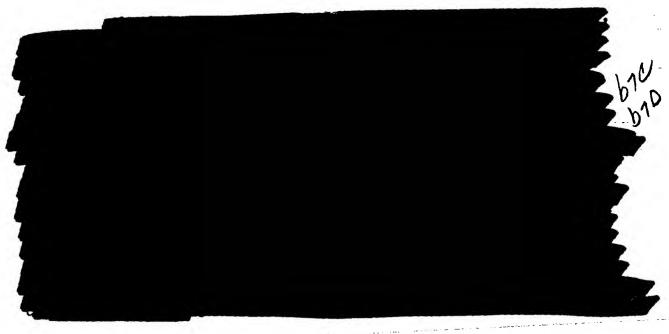
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# E. Legitimate Enterprises

During the past several weeks the primary operation on the part of WORTMAN and associates in the field of legitimate enterprises has been in the expansion of the cigarette vending business in the St. Clair and Madison County areas of Illinois. As was in the St. Clair and Madison County areas of Illinois. As was on page 25 dated December on page 25 dated December 26, 1957, the W&R Cigarette Company of St. Louis, Missouri, had recently been purchased by subject WORTMAN and his brother TED;

"It is noted that the former owner of the W & B Cigarette" Company, one ROBERT BROWN, of St. Louis, was mysteriously slain in that city on January 24, 1956.



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Beginning from January 29, 1958, until the present time the press of both St. Louis and the East St. Louis areas have carried daily articles regarding the so-called invasion of the cigarette vending business by hoodlum elements. The press have referred to the invasion on both sides of the river in East St. Louis and St. Louis by the WORTMAN controlled cigarette vending companies under the names of Plaza, Rite-Way, and W&R Cigarette Vending Companies, and the invasion by VITALE and associates under the name of the Automatic Vending Company, Proctor Sales and Anthony Novelty Company. Daily newspaper articles have carried comments by law-enforcement officials of both the east side of the river and the St. Louis side of the river, as well as articles regarding comments by the Governors of both Misseuri and Illinois, as well as other city, county and state officials.



As was previously set out, a surveillance was maintained by Agents in the Brooklyn area on February 4, 1958. At approximately 9:00 P.M. on February 4, 1958, agents

observed an ald model-International enter the red pickup truck bearing Brooklyn community. Between the hours of 9:00 and 10:30 P.V. this truck was observed to be stopping at each tavern and cafe in the town and unloading a new cigarette machine. The occupants of this truck were three Negro men. Contact was had with the occupants of this truck by SA's and

SI 92-112 SI 92-113 Agents observed that after these machines were delivered in Brocklyn on the night of February 4, 1958, accompanied by an individual ariving a 1952 DeSoto sedan visited the various taverns in Brooklyn where the machines were placed.



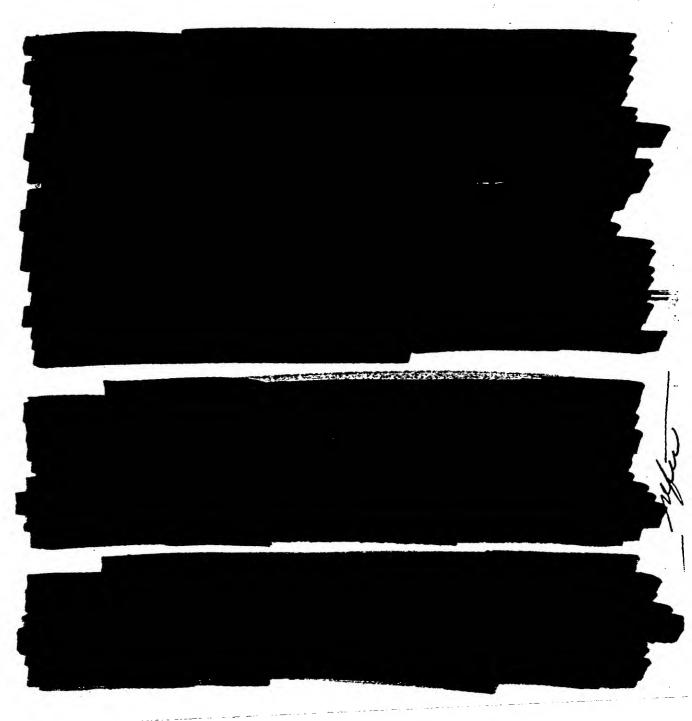


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SI 92-112 SI 92-113 The Paddock Club at 5th and St. Louis Avenues in East. St. Louis, Illinois, is presently actively managed by

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As was previously mentioned, the Long's Motel at 6500 Bond Avenue is no longer operated by as ascertained by Agents and and February 10, 1958.

The Clea Club on Collinsville Read is still operated by GFORGE CHRISOS and from personal observation by SA can February 3, 1958, it was ascertained that a card game was in operation in the rear of this establishment.

The following investigation was conducted by SA at Springfield, Illinoiss





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### H. Personal Habits and Peculiarities

The photograph of WORTMAN as furnished to the New York Office, copies of which are available in the files of the Springfield Office, was taken in 1957.







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the period of this report spot checks are made on a daily basis of the Paddock Lounge and parking area. The subject's car has been observed in the lot of the Paddock on a daily basis. The only persom personally observed driving this automobile have included subject WORTMAN and At no time was any actual extensive movement made in this automobile other than movement within the confines of the East St. Louis area.

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY SET OUT TO THE EFFECT THAT WORTMAN WAS CONVICTED OF ASSAULT OF A PEDERAL AGENT IN 1934 AND ALSO HE WAS ARRESTED IN POSSESSION OF A .45 AUTOMATIC IN 1949. AS WELLAS OTHER INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT WORTMAN AT TIMES IS ARMED. THIS PERSON SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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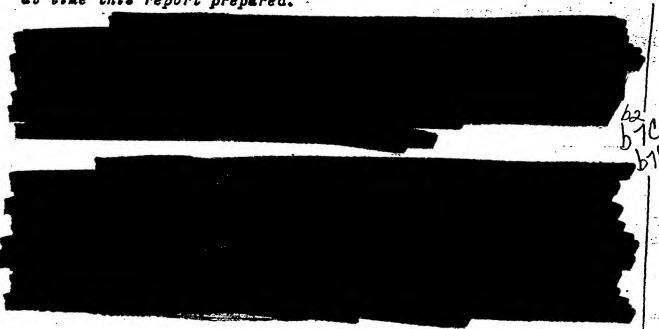
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Names of additional persons under consideration as PCIs not set forth as request from Bureau not received at Resident Agency at time this report prepared.



Detailed information regarding the corporate setup and financial setup of the various legitimate businesses in which WORTMAN has an alleged interest is not being established in detail at this time. It is pointed out that the Internal Revenue Service for the past year and a half have conducted extensive inquiry regarding WORTMAN's financial interests in these companies and the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Illinois has also made investigation into this phase of WORTMAN's operations.

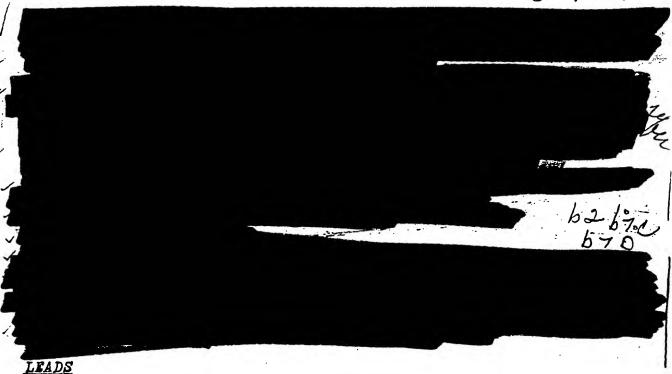
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#### ST. LOUIS DIVISION

#### AT ST. LOUIS. WISSOURI

- 1. Will check with the appropriate officials of the Marcetics Bureau and Secret Service Office regarding information concerning WORTUAN.
- 2. Will ascertain the identity of the officials of the Gorman Brick Company, 4200 Clayton Avenue, telephone OLive 22047. Will conduct investigation to determine who actually manages and owns this company and the identity of the automobiles used by these officials. Will, if possible, determine what contracts or jobs this company presently has.
- 3. Will ascertain the efficials eperating the Plaza, Rite-Way and W&R Companies at 1916 Washington Avenue. Will endeaver to ascertain if

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any of these companies and if he i
Will determine the identity of the automobiles used by the officials
of these companies. Will also endeaver to ascertain the employees
of these companies in an effort to develop an informant therein.
Will conduct appropriate surveillances regarding the activities of
the officials of these companies.



6. Will obtain dispositions, jail records, court records, and reporter notes of arrests of subject WORTMAN as reflected by his identification record as set out on page 7 of the report of SA dated 12/26/57.

Senate Crime Committee Hearings in the spring of 1954 wherein WORTMAN was called as a witness. Will assertain through the United States Attorney's Office if WORTMAN was a witness in any Federal Grand Jury proceedings in St. Louis, Missouri, within the recent years.

7. Will obtain the identity of telephone subscribers of #s which will be furnished the St. Louis Office under separate cover.

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9. Will check birth records in an effort to verify subject's birth, it being noted he claims he was born 12/4/04 at East St. Louis, Illinois; however, there is no record of his birth at East St. Louis and it is possible he was born in St. Louis, Missouri, as he was reared in that city.

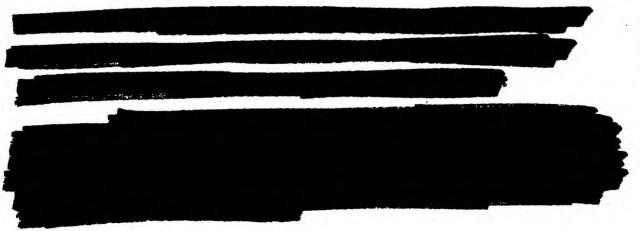
for WORTMAN when WORTMAN released from penitentiary in 1941.

11. Will interview

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13. Will conduct criminal and credit checks on the following:

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14. Will check local bank records in an effort to determine whether or not the subject has any checking or savings accounts or safety deposit boxes in his own name or under any of his aliases.

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15. Will conduct similar investigation concerning various corporations and companies owned by subject or in which subject is a silent partner.



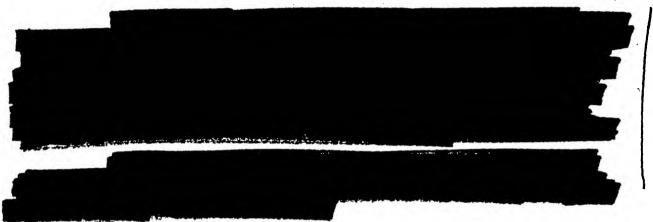
#### AT CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI

Will verify the marriage of subject and his wife, DOROTHY, at Cape Girardeau on 10/31/43. Will ascertain the maiden name of DOROTHY, as well as the names of her parents and the witnesses to the marriage.

#### SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

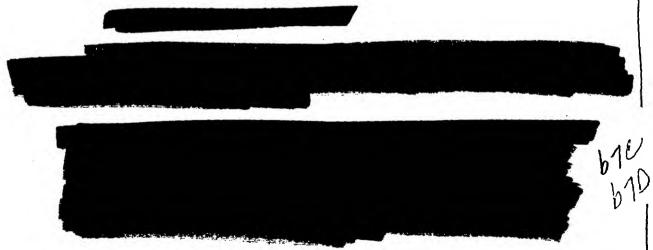
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Will endeavor to ascertain what interest WORTMAN allegedly has in the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas.

The Salt Lake City Office should submit in report form the information as requested above, as well as the information furnished to the Springfield Office by their airtels January 15, 1958 and January 23, 1958.

#### LITTLE ROCK DIVISION



The relationship of this individual to subject WORTMAN should be established.

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#### CHICAGO DIVISION

#### AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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- 2. Will contact for any information they have concerning WORTMAN or any of his associates mentioned in this report.
- 3. At the Alcohol Tax Unit will review their files concerning WORTMAN's conviction in 1934 and obtain any back-ground information they have concerning WORTMAN,

4. Will at the Federal Narcotics Bureau obtain any background information available concerning subject or his reported known associates.

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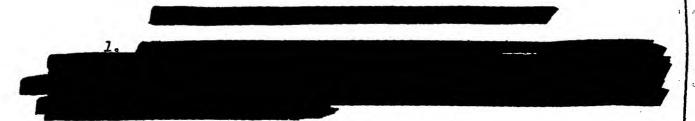
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#### SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

On every interview, consideration should be given to developing the person in terviewed as a possible potential criminal informant or live criminal informant concerning subject or his associates. Sufficient investigation should be conducted to determine the current relationship and past relationship of persons interviewed with subject and his associates.

#### AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Will check the State Bureau of Vital Statistics records in an effort to verify the birth of the subject. It is noted he was allegedly born 12/4/04, East St. Louis, Illinois, but no record of his birth was located at St. Clair County, Illinois.



2. Will determine current addresses and background information, including degree of association of the following:



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#### AT EAST ST. LOUIS. ILLINOIS

- 1. Will verify the birth of the subject's children, including their names.
- 2. Will check the records of St. Clair and Madison County in an effort to ascertain property owned by the subject.
- 4. Will maintain contact with the informants set out in this report for information regarding WORTMAN and his activities.
- 5. Will centact the Heinecke Construction Company at Collins-ville or East St. Louis, Illinois, who allegedly worked on the construction of subject's home.

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8. Will maintain spot shecks and surveillances on the subject, as well as his principal associates.

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13. Will ascertain the 1958 registrations of the automobiles used by subject and his principal associates. It is noted that the Illinois 1957 licenses expire on and after February 15, 1958.

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15. Will determine current addresses and background information, including the period of association, of the following:

16. Will determine the degree of association of with WORTMAN and his associates.

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with subject.

18. Appropriate arrangements should be made in an effort to review the records in the United States Attorney's Office for all background information concerning subject and any Grand Jury proceedings before the East St. Louis FGJ.

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21. Will conduct similar investigation concerning various corporations and companies owned by subject or in which subject is a silent partner.

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PREFERENCE: Report of SA Springfield.

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\_\_DATE: -2/26/58 DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810) SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112) FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, was. SUBJECT: ANTI-RACKETEERING dated 2/20/58 at Springfield. Rerep SA The data requested by the Bureau in Bulet to New York dated 2/7/58 relative to criminal informant coverage will be sent to the Bureau by separate letter. 2 - Bureau 2 - Springfield FEB 28 1958

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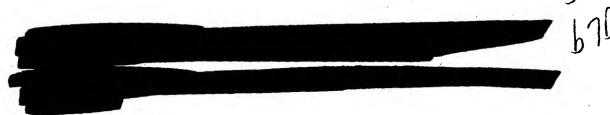
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The potentials listed above are in a position to have knowledge of either the movements of WORTMAN and his associates or have knowledge of the activities relating to certain legal and illegal enterprises of WORTMAN and his associates.

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DATE: March 19, 1958 : Mr. Rosen Tolson . Nichols . Boardman FROM : F. L. Price Belmont. Mohr \_ Parsons Rosen SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, was. Tomm. "Buster" Wortman, "Bus" Trotter Nease 10 ANTI-RACKETEERING Tele. Room FBI NO. 739186 Holloman . Gandy . The following is a summary of information contained in dated 12/26/57 and 2/20/58 at the reports of SA Springfield, Illinois, in this matter. Springfield is the office of origin in this case. Wortman was reportedly born 12/4/04 in East St. Louis, Illinois, and resides in Suite 608, Broadview Hotel, East St. Louis, Illinois. He is reported to be divorced from his wife who resides with their 3 children near Collinsville, Illinois. He has been referred to as the Southern Illinois leader of the old Capone gang. Wortman is a heavy drinker. 1934 he was sentenced to 10 years for assaulting a Federal officer. Reports reflect he should be considered armed and dangerous. 92-2810 REC. 48 92-2810 195 18 MAR 19 1958

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Reference is made to the report of R ated 2/20/58 at Apringfield in the eastimed matter, Copies that report and the report of SA leted 12/26/57 at Springfield in this case were designated for the St. Louis and New York Offices. Reference is also made to Eureau letter dated 1/13/58 to Springfield concerning the subject. In addition to the instructions in Eureau letter dated 1/13/58, the following observations and suggestions are set forths

Continuing efforts should be made to verify subject's date and place of birth and to determine his surrent marital status. Also verify the present address of subject's wife, -Dorothy Wortman, and their children.

You should conduct investigation to ascertain the names and addresses of all of the immediate relatives of subject. Wortman's exact relationship to mentioned in Springfield report dated 12/26/57, should be determined.

Apringfield letter dated 1/14/58 set forth information concerning criminal informants who are available and in a position to furnish information concerning Wortman. These informants should be utilized in conducting further investigation in this matter.

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Moula se conducted to definitely establish the extent of Wertman's connection with these businesses. All available public records concerning the enterprises should be examined and further investigation should be conducted to establish how his various business interests were acquired. An this connection, it is noted that an interest were acquired. An this connection, it is noted that an interest in an accordance to the past year and one half has consume the extensive inquiry regarding wortman and one half has consume to extensive inquiry regarding wortman from for Bastern District of Illinois has also investigated his operations. The report indicates voluntous information is available in the United States Attorney's effice at East St. Louis and through the Internal Revenue Service at East St. Louis regarding wortman's financial interests. It is suggested the available records be utilized to secure the desired information.

The St. Louis Office should expedite esverage of the loads set out in Springfield letter dated 12/26/57 and in pringfield report dated 2/20/58.

investigation should be directed toward establishing the current activities of Wortman. You should keep in mind that the primary objective is to develop information indicating a violation of any Federal or local laws by the subject. The investigation must be conducted in a complete and expeditions manner.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

DATE: April 4, 1958

SEC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT:

FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN, Was.

Rebulet to Springfield, March 19, 1958.

Rerep of SA page 13, last paragraph. The first sentence of this paragraph should read "On February 4, 1958 at 3:30 PM, SA observed two men seated an a 1958 black Lincoln Continental Mark III on the Fifth Street side of the Paddock Lounge, just north of St. Louis Avenue in East St. Louis, Illinois."

Reference is also made to page 2 of Bureau letter in the first paragraph where in the last sentence it is suggested the available records be utilized to secure the desired information.

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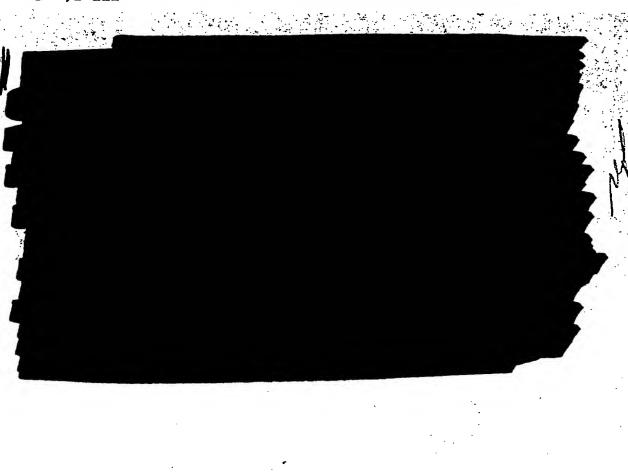
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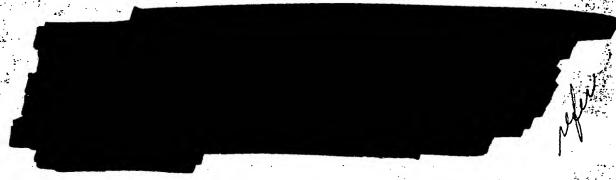
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Rourlet dated April 4, 1958, in the above-captioned matter.



This matter should be followed with the U.S. Attorney periodically in order to ascertain any new developments. In addition, an attempt should be made by the Springfield Office through limits with the Internal Bevenue Service to obtain any information concerning Wortman.



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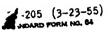
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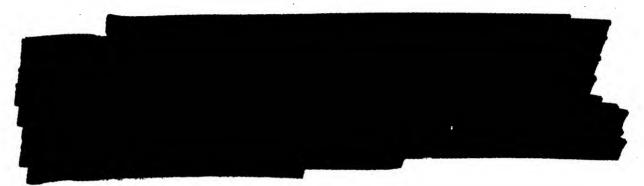
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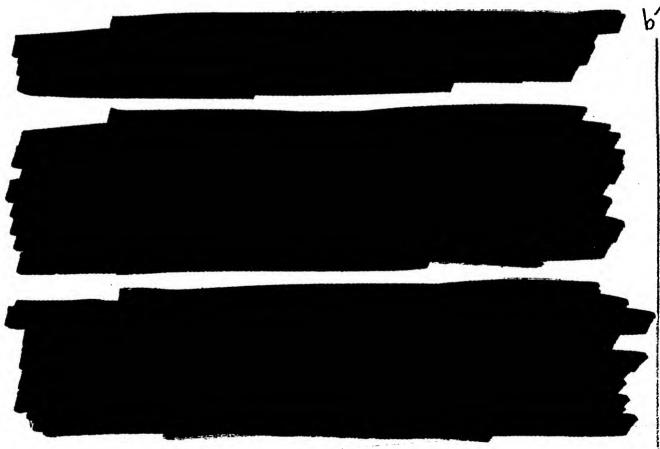
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Miscellaneous Information Contained in Chicago FBI Files

The following information was taken from a report of dated May 28, 1957 at Miami in the case entitled accard austin HALL (deceased), Et Al; ROBERT COSGROVE GREENLEASE (deceased) - VICTIM; Kidnapping; Extortion; Perjury":



Information in the Capga case taken from the St. Louis report of SA dated April 11, 1947 stated that "Buster" WORTMAN was believed to be one of the hoodlums who was actively interested in taking over the Pioneer News Service. WORTMAN is described as primarily an Illinois hoodlum, although he had in recent years associated himself with the remnants of the EGAN COLBECK gang, prominent survives of which were

In a St. Louis letter to the Director dated August 23, 67c hase. Badvised SA. 670

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### THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION

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Will arrange to review files in the possession of AUSA CLIFFORD ROEMER who is allegedly correlating the investigation being made by Federal agencies in the St. Louis area in regard to FRANK "Buster" WORTMAN.

### THE CHICAGO DIVISION

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810) DATE: APR 2 8 100.

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SUBJECT:

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, was. ANTI-RACKETEERING (BUFILE 92-2810 SI FILE 92-112)

ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, was ANTI-RACKETKERING (Bufile 92- 2809 SI FILE 92-113)

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Reference is made to reports submitted in all three of the above entitled cases. The investigation to date has developed that WORTMAN is leading if not one of the leading hoodlums and racketeers within the metropolitan area of St. Louis. It is noted that he does live in East St. Louis and apparently operates from the East St. Louis community. The investigation has established that one of WORTMAN's principal lieutenants is KIMER SYLVESTER DOWLING and within recent months one of his closest personal associates has been

It is further pointed out to the Bureau that WORTMAN is one of the individuals on which this office is concentrating their investigation.

WORTMAN, DOWLING an this office will report the

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activities of all three of these individuals in the WORTMAN case UACB. As suggested in Bulet dated April 25, 1958, separate copies are being designated for appropriate case files as well as for the St. Louis File WORTMAN, and DOWLING and the Bureau File WORTMAN, and DOWLING.

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It is pointed out that practically any investigation regarding DOWLING are would of necessity have to be in the WORTMAN Fire and vice versa. In order to avoid duplication and unnecessary expenditure of agent and stenographic and clerical time, the above procedure is being followed.

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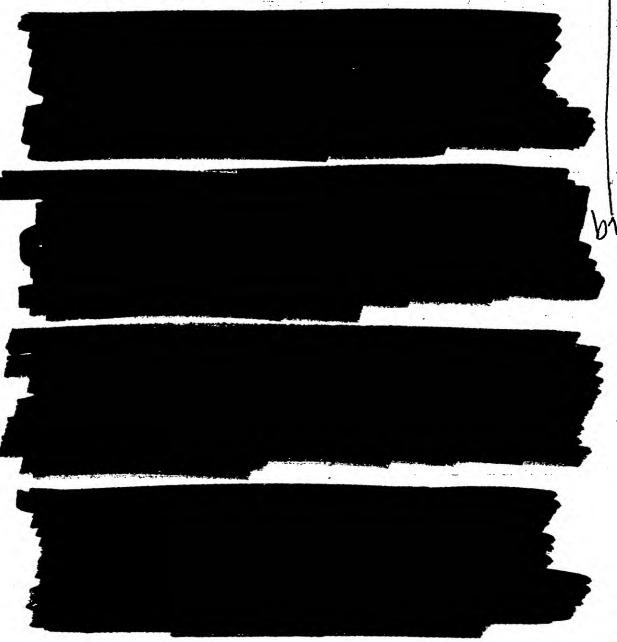
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DETAILS: A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

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A review of the birth records reflects the following information regarding subject's children:





On March 4, 1958, Mrs. DOROTHY WORTMAN was observed in front of the WORTMAN residence at #2 Summit Drive, Collinsville, Illinois, along with three small children.

Observation by SA war on March 3, 1958, at the address of #2 Summit Drive, Collinsville, Illinois, reflected that parked in the garage of this home was a 1956 four-door Pontiac sedan, with a blue bottom and cream top, bearing 1958 Illinois license 2833-404; this license is listed to DOROTHY WORTMAN, #2 Summit Drive, Collinsville, Ill.

By communication dated March 24, 1958, the St. Louis Office advised that SA secked the records in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on March 13, 1958, and determined that in Book 29, page 382, is recorded a marriage license #12489, issued to FRANK WORTMAN, age 38, of E. St. Louis, Illinois, and DOROTHY DONALD, age 20, of E. St. Louis, Illinois, which license was issued on October 31, 1943; a certificate of marriage was likewise filed for the individuals on November 5, 1943, reflecting that WORTMAN and DONALD were married by GUST SCHULTZ, Justice of the Peace, at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on October 31, 1943.

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It is set out in the report of SA deted
December 26, 1957, on page 34, the information from the records of the
Clerk of the Circuit Court, St. Clair County, Illinois, reflecting
divorce action by DOROTHY WORTMAN against FRANK WORTMAN. These
records reflect a divorce decree was filed October 26, 1945. The
records further show that on November 6, 1947, a motion was filed
in the Circuit Court of St. Clair County by both parties to vacate
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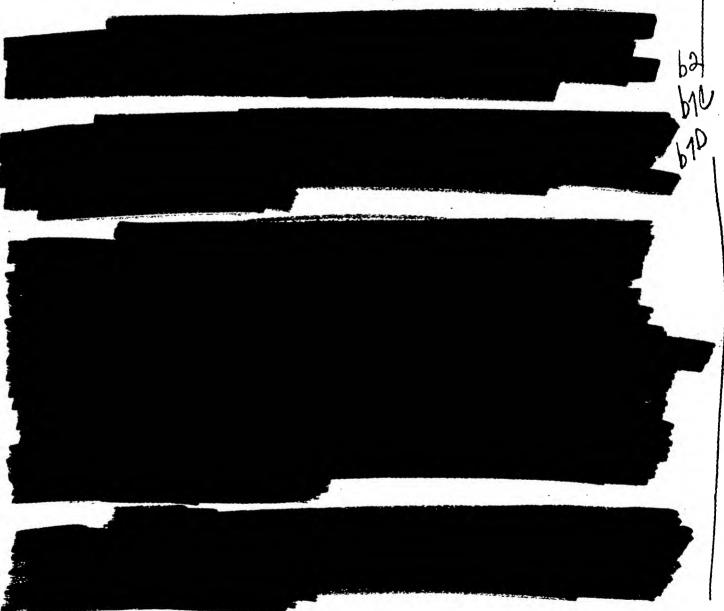
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This office is in possession of a photograph of taken in April, 1958, when this individual appeared before the Federal Grand Jury in East St. Louis, Illinois, during the Grand Jury investigation of subject WOLTHAN.

Additional information regarding will be set out later in this report.



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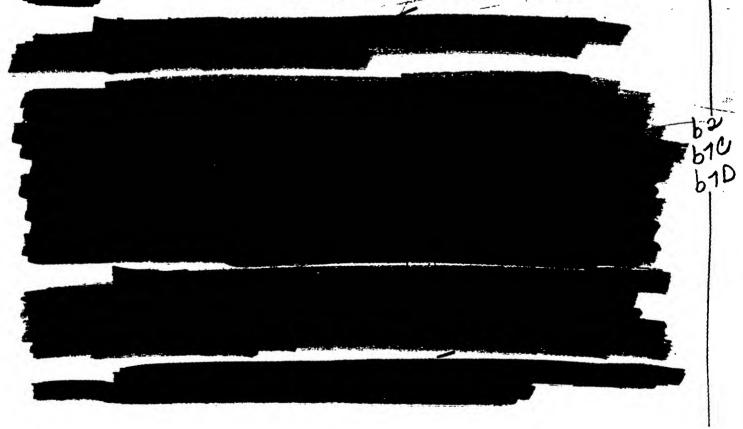
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It is noted that investigation of WORTMAN to date has failed to indicate that any of the afore-mentioned individuals are presently associates or contacts of WORTMAN.

#### C. ASSOCIATES

ELMER SYLVESTER "DUTCH" DOWLING, as previously mentioned, in one of WORTMAN'S principal associates.

Information regarding DOWLING, as well as other associates of WORTMAN, including will be set out under the heading, Legitimate Enterprises".



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Reference is made to the report of SA dated April 11, 1958, at Springfield, in the case entitled,

On February 28, 1958, at approximately 1:30 PM, subject 1958 Plymouth into the Paddock WORTMAN was observed driving Lounge perking lot; this observation was by SAY On February 24, 1958, SA berved subject VORTMAN and leave the Paddock Lounge at approximately 9:30 PM and enter 1958 Plymouth and drive out to 7800 State Street and then dropped WORTMAN off at the Broadview Hotel. It is noted that from information furnished by the St. Louis Office at the St. Louis Office voluntarily on Merch 4, 1958, and was and eft the St. Louis interviewed by SA Office at approximately 11:00 AM. At approximately 11:15 AM, on Merch 4, 1958, 1958 Plymouth two-door automobile was observed parked on the side of the Broadview Hotel and at approxima tely 12:00 Noon, see seen leaving the main entrance of the Broadview Hotel and enter his Plymouth and drive to the Paddock Lounge. It is noted that WORTMAN maintains a suite of rooms at the Broadview Hotel. The above observation was by SA

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As previously mentioned, a building estimated at approximately \$250,000, has been built on the so-called most property near Collinaville, Illinois. From observations by SA this building is completed except for finishing the interior. The press of St. Louis and East St. Louis areas have recently mentioned this property on numerous occasions in stating that it is completed by unoccupied.



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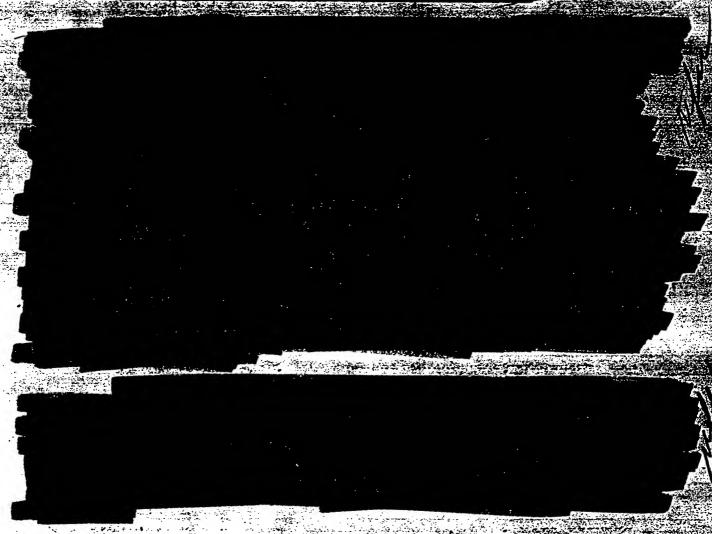
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On April 22, 1958, STEPHEN PATRICE SCRNAN, home eddress = 2823 S. Kingshighway, St. Louis, Nissouri, business address = 4200 Clayton Avenue, St. Louis, Nissouri, appeared before the Tederal Brand Jury and took the fifth amendment regarding 56 or 37 questions asked. U. S. Attorney BARNER appeared before Tederal Judge VILLIAN B. JUNGSHIM. IN U. S. District Court at R. St. Louis, Illinois, on this same date, on an open hearing regarding the refusal of GORNAN to missor questions. The questions GORNAN refused to answer were stated by Mr. RAINER in open court.

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Among the questions that GORMAN refused to answer included who actually hired MAGIN, as well as the other persons mentioned and what qualifications they had for their bricklaying or other jobs. SI 92-112 610 610

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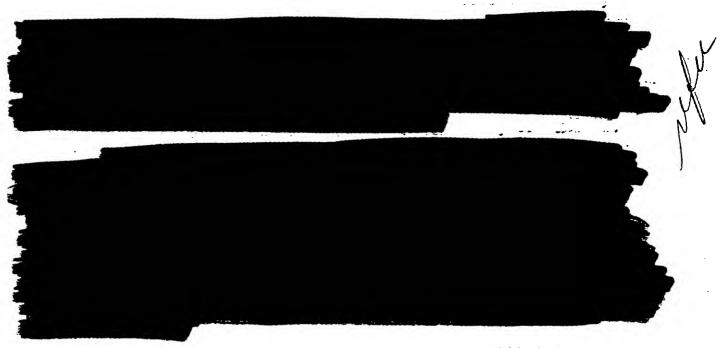
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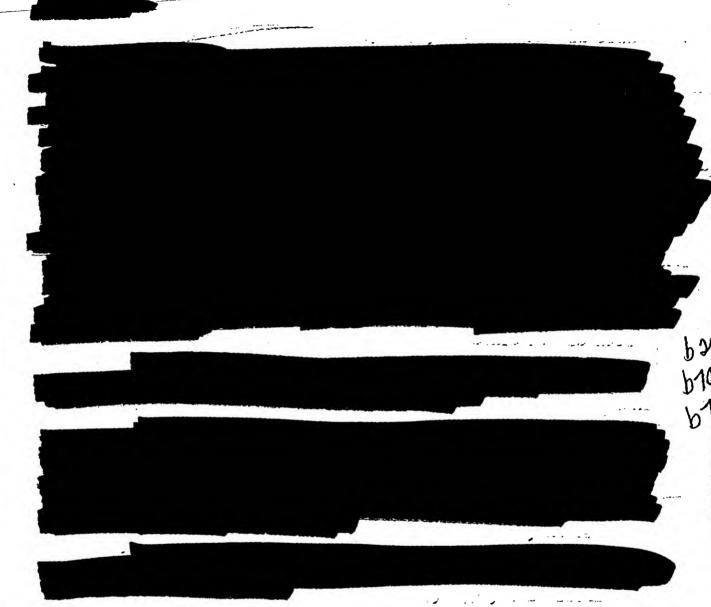
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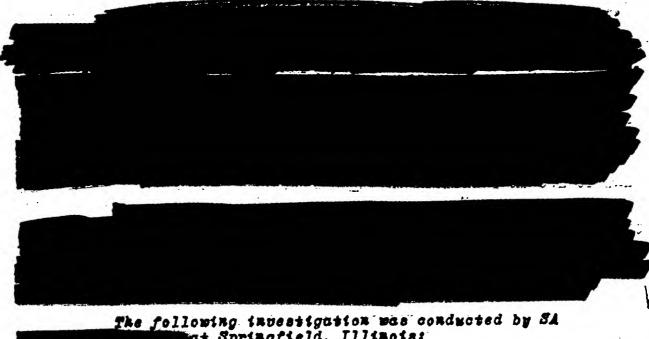
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By communication dated April 24, 1958, the Little Rock Office advised that no pertinent information was developed regarding telephone contact from WORTMAN's residence on the outskirts of Collinsville, Illinois, to telephone calls made to Little Rock. Arkansas.

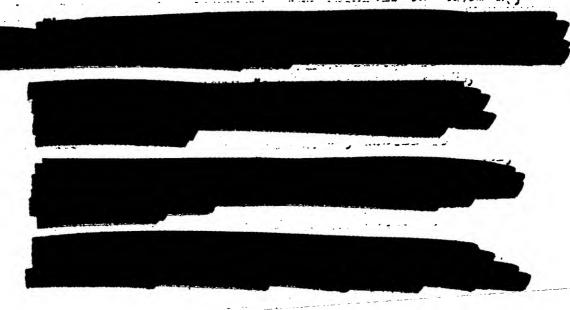
On April 15, 1958, the personal automobile of was observed by SA contact approximate 3800 PV parked in the parking lot of the Paddock Lounge and t approximately bas seen inside the lounge at the bar. In this connection ted that It is noted that at the Broadview Motel during the moon hour and early afternoon hours. He is usually in the bar of this hotel.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA at Springfield, Illinois:

the records in their office she was unable to find any birth record of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN.

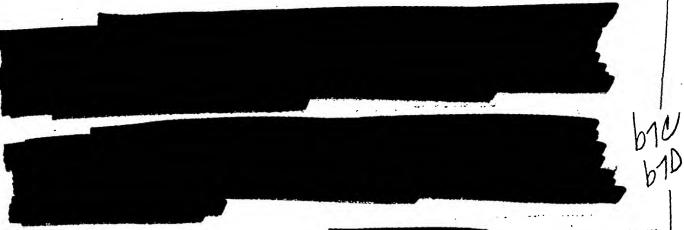


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THAT WORTHAN WAS CONVICTED OF ASSAULT OF A PEDERAL AGENT IN 1934.

AND ALSO HE WAS ARRESTED IN POSSESSION OF A .45 CALIBER AUTOMATIC

IN 1949, AS WELL AS OTHER INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT WORTHAN

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Future reports will carry the dual caption and sufficient by the suppose will be furnished to the Bureau for both cases.

For the information of St. Louis, one copy of this report to being furnished for their DOWLING file, which to 98-198 and one to being furnished for information for their

In the future the same will be followed for St. Louis so that information concerning to only being submitted in WORTHAN reports from this office.

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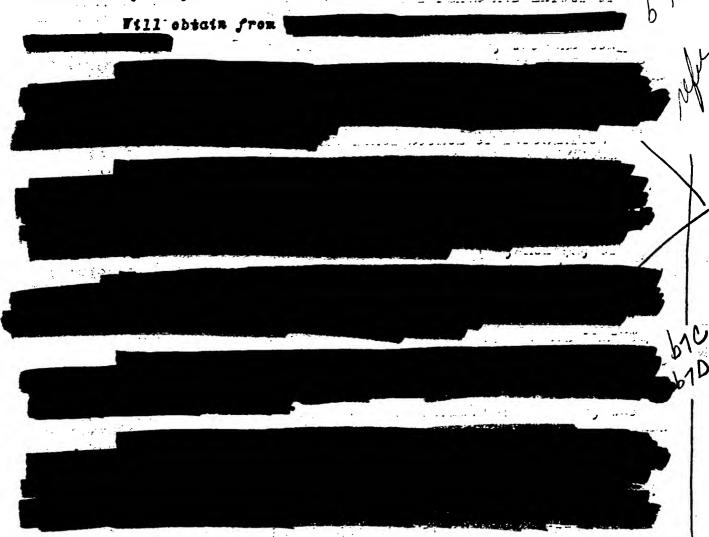
Should report results of investigation regarding previous information submitted and previous investigation requested.

In view of the numerous leads outstanding in the St. Louis Divinion as submitted in previous reports, they are not being restated at this time. BI 92-112

#### SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

### AT FAST ST. LOUIS TLLINOIS

Fill contact the Heinecke Construction Company at Collinsville or East St. Louis, who allegedly worked on the construction of subject's home.



Will maintain contact with the informants mentioned in this report in order to determine activities of the subject and his associates.

Fill maintain spot checks and surveillances on the subject as well as his principal associates.

AT SPRINGPIBLD, ILLINOIS

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# Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

DATE: May 22, 1958

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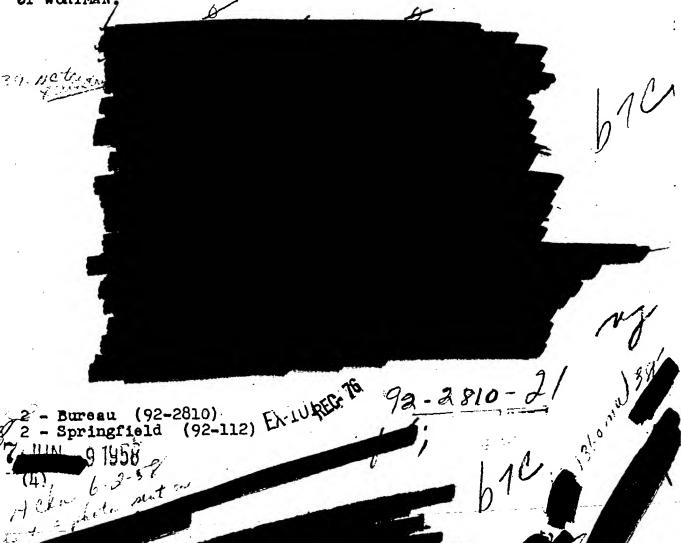
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SUBJECT:

FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER"

Identification records of the additional listed persons are requested. Two copies of each record should be forwarded as well as two available photographs.

One copy will be furnished to United States Attorney CLIFFORD M. RAEMER, East St. Louis, Illinois. The listed persons are known associates, employees or former employees of WORTMAN:



TO : Director, FBI (92-2810)

DATE: 6/18/58

FROM :

SAU, Springfield (92-112)
(92-113)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, was. ELMER SYLVESTER DOWNING, wa. TOP MOODLUMS Mism 11-1

For the information of the Bureau, there is enclosed a newspaper photograph showing the south side of the FORTMAN "moat" property located near Collinsville, Illinois, which has been reported previously as having been built by SAN MAGIN, a FORTMAN associate, for a "Boys Club." This photograph appeared in connection with a feature story concerning this place which appeared in the April 20, 1958, issue of the St. Louis Post Dispatch. Attached to the photograph as it appeared in the newspaper are candid photographs of WORTMAN and SAN MAGIN.

It is believed that the photographic department of the East St. Louis Journal, East St. Louis, Illinois, has taken several photographs of this property and efforts will be made to obtain prints from that newspaper for submission to the Bureau.

In order that the Bureau's files on these top hoodlums in the Springfield Division may be complete, the following information which was reported previously by the Springfield Division in GIIF, is set out:



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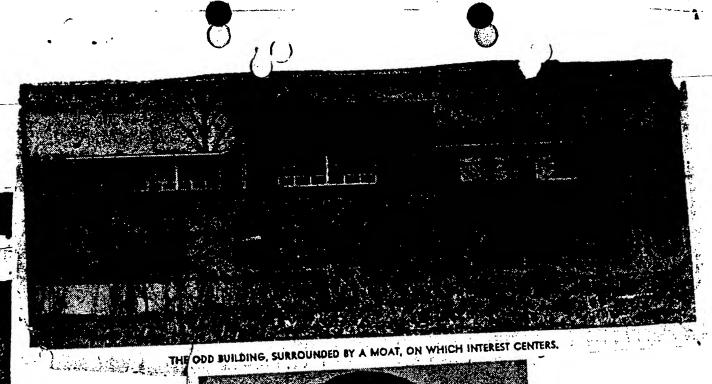
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#### DETAILE:

For information purposes, it is noted that St. Clair - Madison Counties, Illinois, are immediately across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, Missouri, and are considered a part of the metropolitan area of St. Louis; these two sounties contain a population of over half a million people.

For the past several years FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN and his principal Lt. BLMER SYLVESTER DOWLING have been under extensive investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Alcohol, Tax and Tobacce Unit of the Treasury Department, by the Federal Grand Jury, Eastern District of Illinois, and by the Illinois State Police. These investigations are still active.

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# A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND FRANK LEONARD WORTVAN

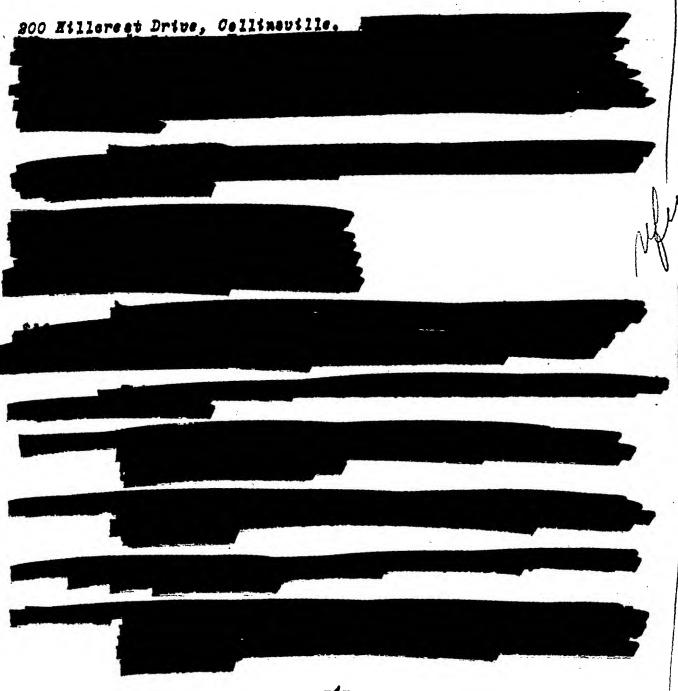


#### PLUER SYLVESTER DOWLING

According to the Army Service Record on file at the Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Record Center, St. Louis, Missouri, ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING was bern on December 30, 1906, at St. Louis, Missouri. He is listed in these records as having had eight years grammar school; his civilian escupation as Recreation Manager and construction worker; and his military scoupation as Anti-Aircraft noncommissioned efficer. DOWLING has Army Serial Number 37-401-360 and was inducted into the U. S. Army on Nevember 28, 1942, and was honorably discharged on October 4, 1945, as a Private First Class from Ft. Bliss, Texas, by reason of ever age. He resides with his wife BUNICE and four children at 200 Millerest Drive, Cellinsville, Illinois. DOWLING resided in the St. Louis area until recent years when he moved into the new large ranch style house he had built at

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#### B. CRIMINAL RECORD

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN has FBI #739186; he has one felony sonviction for assault of a Federal officer, and was sentenced on June 24, 1934, to ten years United States District Court, Spring-field, Illinois, and conditionally released from Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary March 6, 1951. This conviction resulted from an assault from WORTMAN and some of his associates of a Federal Prohibition Agent at the time of a raid on a still near Collinsville, Illinois. WORTMAN has numerous other arrests primarily in St. Leuis, Missouri, between 1926 and 1959 on charges including auto theft, robbery, concealed weapon, speeding and investigation; he has also been arrested by East St. Leuis, Illinois, Police. WORTMAN was convicted of contempt of court in United States District Court, St. Leuis, Missouri, and served 30 days, being released April 6, 1954, and ordered for reappearance before Federal Grand Jury. This contempt of court arese from his refusal to answer questions before a Federal Grand Jury.

ELMER SILVESTER DOWLING has FBI #1644966. He was convicted of assault with intent to kill and sentenced to 90 years in the Misseuri State Penitentiary and served time in that institution from May 29, 1940, until his discharge September 26, 1941, when the Supreme Court of Misseuri reversed and remanded the decision of the trial court. DOWLING has no other felony convictions. He has been arrested on several occasions for traffic violations and passer of worthless checks and liquor violations and gambling between the years of 1924 and 1946.

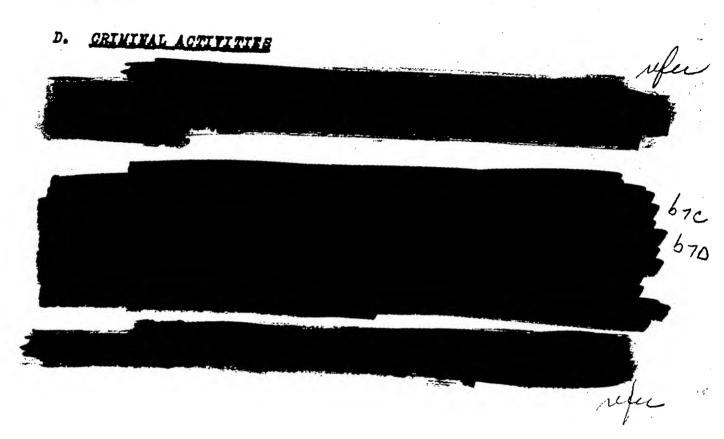




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#### F. PLACES OF ANUESVENT AND HANGOUTS PREQUENTED

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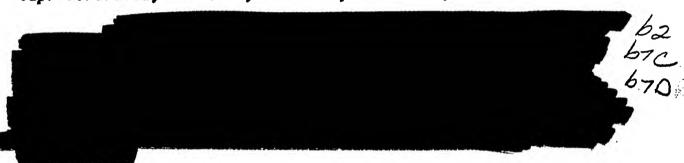
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Informants as indicated have advised WORTMAN and DOWLING do not travel extensively except for movement about the metropolitan St. Louis area.

#### H. PERSONAL MABITE AND PEGULIARITIES

#### FRANK LEONARD FORTMAN

WORTMAN maintains a three-reem suite at the Breadview Hetel, where he lives alone; informants contacted state he drinks heavily and arises late in the day and stays up most of the night usually around the Paddock Lounge. WORTMAN's wife, DOROTHY, and four children between the ages of three and fourteen, reside with the wife in an estimated \$40,000 home, #2 Summit Drive, Collineville, Illineis, which WORTMAN bought in about 1952. A diverse decree was granted between WORTMAN and his wife on October 26, 1945, and on November 6, 1947, a motion to vacate this decree was filed and approved in Circuit Court, St. Clair County, by both parties. He married this woman October, 1954, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and his previous wife is deceased.



#### FLUER SYLVESTER DOTLING



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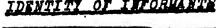
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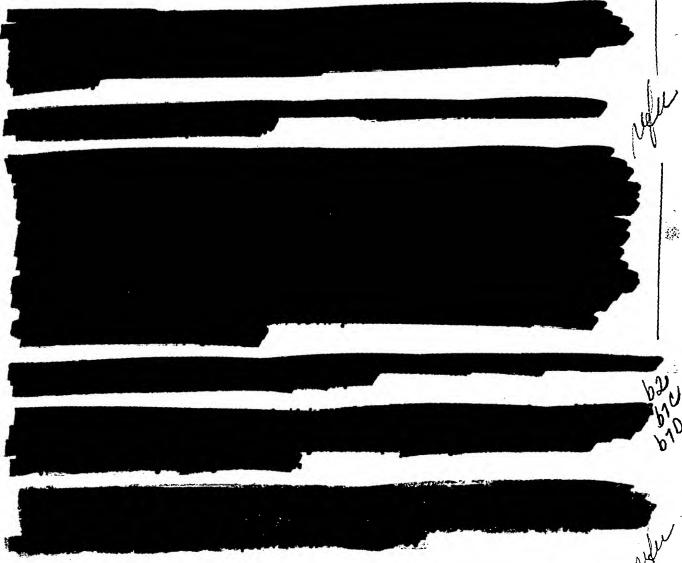
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A photograph of DOWLING is in the Springfield file.

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All of the above informants are considered reliable.

#### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO

: Director, FBI (92-2810)

DATE : JUN 1 0 1958

FROM

: EAC, Springfield (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Was., EUBJECT : "Buster" Wertman, "Bus"

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ST. LOUIS DIVISION (INFORMATION)

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#### A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

#### FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN

On March 13, 1958 the following investigation was conducted by SA at Jackson, Missouri. The records in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Cape Girardeau County, Jackson, Missouri, in book number 29, page 382, reflects that marriage license number 12489 was issued to FRANK WORTMAN, age 38, of East St. Louis, Illinois, and DOROTHY DONALD, age 20, of East St. Louis, Illinois, on October 31, 1943. The records further reflect that a Certificate of Marriage was filed November 5, 1943 showing WORTMAN and DONALD were married by GUST SCHULTZ, Justice of the Feace at Cape Girardeau, Missouri on October 31, 1943.

#### ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING

On June 24, 1958 SA checked the records of the Recorder of Deeds Office at the Marriage License Bureau in an attempt to ascertain a record of marriage for EIMER DOWLING and EUNICE RENECK. The records were checked from 1942 through 1949 and failed to reflect any marriage

#### B. CRIMINAL RECORD

between DOWLING or RENECK.

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, FBI No. 739 186. ELMER DOWLING, FBI No. 1644 966.



#### C. ASSOCIATES

The associates of BOWLING and WORTMAN are identical.

One of the principal associates of both WORTMAN and DOWLING

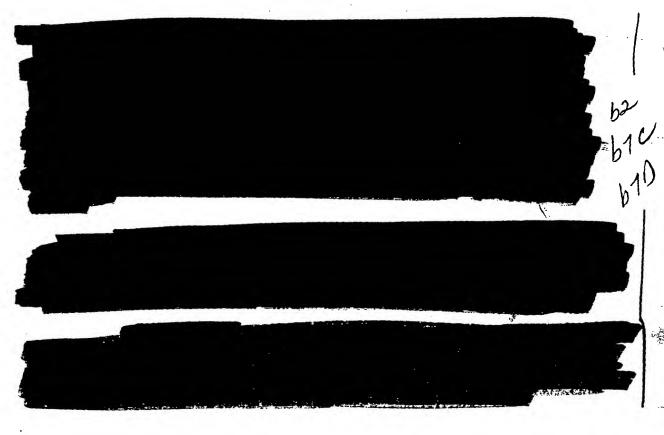
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#### D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Spot surveillances conducted by St. Louis Agents in the vicinity of the Plaza Amusement Company and the Rite-Way Distributing Company, located in the 1900 block of Washington Street, reflects the 1955 Oldsmobile Holiday sedan bearing Illinois 1958 license number 1870-148, the 1955 black Cadillac sedan bearing Illinois 1958 license 1870-147, and a 1958 gray Oldsmobile 98 bearing Illinois

1958 license 245 3371. It has been observed by the Agents that all three of these above-mentioned vehicles are used by EIMER DOWLING and Investigation concerning the above-mentioned Illinois license numbers reflects all three issued to the Plaza Amusement Company. On March 21, 1958 spot surveillances conducted in the vicinity of the Plaza Amusement Company by SA

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#### E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES



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The Chicago-St. Louis Express Company, was charged in a criminal information in September 1957 for taking control of the Daisy Express Company on December 6, 1955 and operating the company in interstate commerce. An indictment of the company President, JOHN J. BURKE, for income tax evasion, on March 6, 1958 was an outgrowth of that inquiry. The St. Louis Globe Democrat dated April 16, 1958 referred to the above information and stated

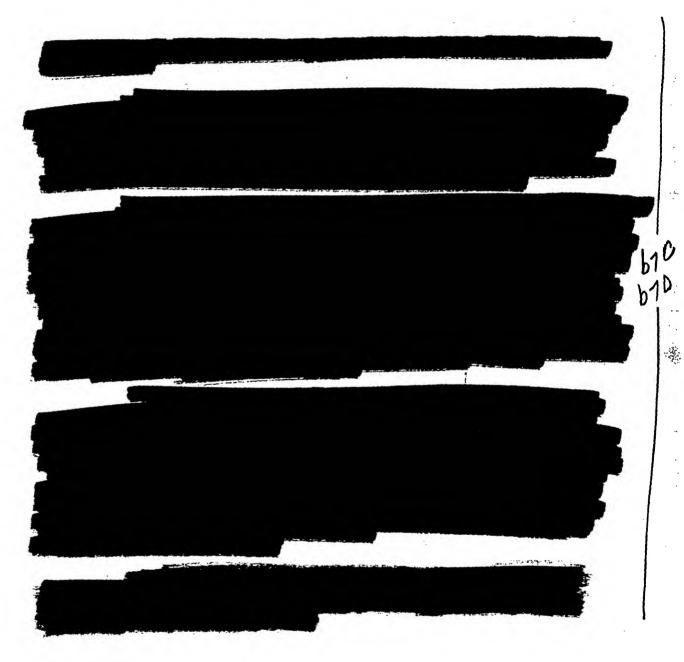
the Chicago hearing concerns a petition by the Michigan Express Company, Inc., of Grand Rapids, Michigan, which is seeking ICC permission to purchase the Chicago-St. Louis firm. In August of 1957 the Chicago-St. Louis firm was denied permission to sell to the Michigan company. Way bills of the St. Louis company filedwith the ICC showed that its principal business was the transportation of coin operated machines from St. Louis to Chicago to Mayville, Wisconsin, Grand Rapids and Hammond, Indiana, and also from Slinger, Wisconsin to St. Louis and from Chicago to East St. Louis.

The article further states that the petition was denied by the ICC pending the prosecutive filing of criminal charges against the company by the Department of Justice. The article further noted that Mr. BURKE and his wife were charged with evading \$24,957.00 in income taxes from 1951 through 1954.

Another article appearing in the St. Louis Globe Democrat dated February 10, 1958 reflects that one of the largest eigarette vending machine companies in Madison County, Illinois, lost nine of its 12 locations in Brooklyn, Illinois, to a rival firm dominated by FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN. The article noted that the firm mentioned is the Zimring and Sons Tobacco and Candy Company, 1832 State Street, Granite City, Illinois, which has been in business for 25 years. The article further noted that the company took over the abovementioned stops was the W-R Cigarette Company, which formerly was owned by the late ROBERT L. BROWN, Lawyer and parliamentarian of the Board of Aldermen, St. Louis, Missouri, who was shot to death in gangland style on January 24, 1956. It is noted the slaying of BROWN is unsolved.

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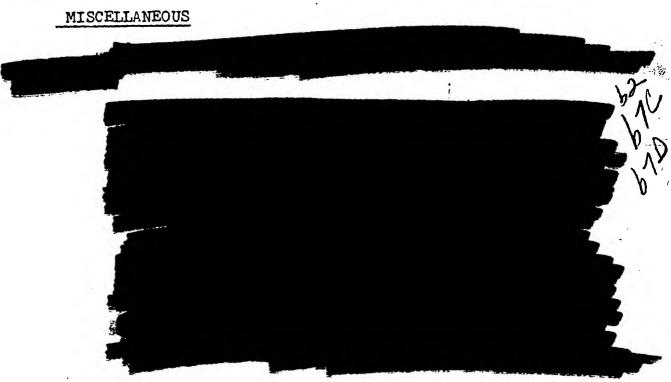
conducted by WORTMAN or DOWLING as such travel normally would originate from their homes or hangouts in the East St. Louis, Illinois area.

#### H. PERSONAL HABITS AND PECULIARITIES

The St. Louis Office has no information concerning the personal habits or peculiarities of WORTMAN or DOWLING.

#### I. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPH

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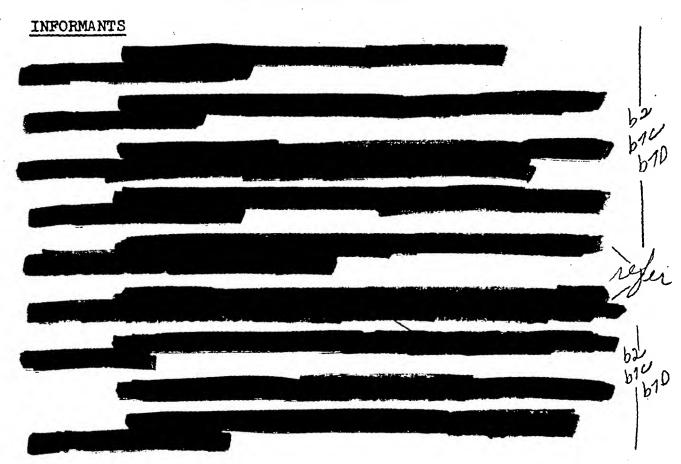


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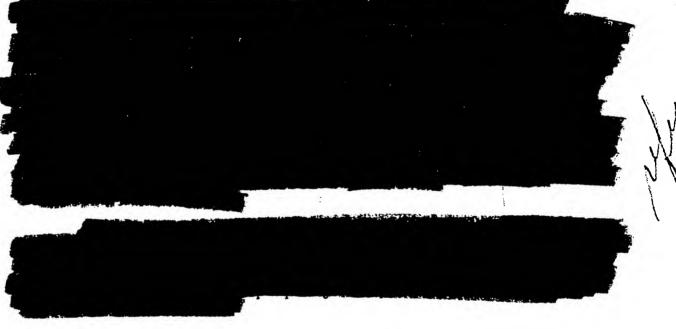
It is noted that leads pertaining to the background and business acquaintances and relationships of WORTMAN and are being handled in the Federal Grand Jury investigation being conducted in East St. Louis, Illinois. It is noted in the report of SA are directed to the St. Louis Division to ascertain officials operating the Flaza, Rite-Way, and W & R Companies as well as employees of these companies. Here again it is noted that this information should be more readily available to the Springfield Division through their liaison with the United States Attorney's Office handling the Federal Grand Jury concerning WORTMAN, therefore, the leads concerning and the Plaza, Rite-Way, and W & R Companies, will not be handled by the St. Louis Division unless the Springfield Division is unable to ascertain the information requested.

It is further noted that St. Louis was requested to interview MILTON WEIFENBACH, former Federal Parole Officer in St. Louis. In this regard, it is noted that WEIFENBACH is deceased. The above information was furnished by St. Louis.

Missouri.

The enclosed report reflects investigative period emanating from January through June, 1958. It is noted some of the information in enclosed report has been furnished the Springfield Office by letter; however, instant report is the initial report since both subjects have been consolidated into one captioned case.

WORTMAN AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS SECAUSE THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED MEATONS IN THE PAST. As the Bureau is aware, FRANK WORTMAN and one of his close associates, SAM MAGIN, appeared before the Senate Rackets Committee, Washington, D. C., July 3, 1953, and another alleged associate of the WORTMAN group, STEPHENGE GORMAN, Gorman Bricklaying Company, St. Louis, Missouri, was also under subpoena to appear before the above committee, but his appearance was postponed. As the Bureau is well aware, WORTMAN and his associates have been under intensive investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, the Treasury Department and by the Federal Grand Jury of the Eastern District of Illinois for the past several years.



In light of the above, it is pointed out that on January 30, 1958, during spot checks of the residences of EINER DOWLING and SA and South of this office, at about 9 P.N., observed a Mercury automobile driving to the residence of DOWLING and this car remained at the residence

for about five minutes and then left and returned towards St.

Louis, Missouri. SA determined this automobile bore 1958 Missouri license

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On May 12, 1958, See and SAC CURTIS O.
LINUM were making a spot check of the residences and other
establishments frequented by FRANK WORTMAN and his associates.
On the date of May 12, 1958, at about 5 P.M., SACRET and
SAC LYNUM observed FRANK WORTMAN at the moat property with two
unknown male individuals walking around the premises and an
Imperial Chrysler was observed on the moat premises. It is
noted WORTMAN usually drives a 1957 Imperial Chrysler.

on July 11, 1958, at 3 P.N., SA was in the area of the most property and observed WORTMAN drive to the most premises with an unidentified male in the front seat with FRANK WORTMAN.

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This office is desirous of disseminating the above information regarding observations of agents to the Internal Revenue Service's Intelligence Unit and the Bureau's permission is requested to so disseminate this. The files of the Spring-field office contain appropriate agents' notes of their observations as mentioned. In this connection, it should be noted that in the report of SA dated February 20, 1958, in the report entitled ELMER SILVESTER DOWLING, was., ANTI-RACKETEERING, on the bottom of page 31 and top of page 32, information is set out regarding SA deservation on January 30, 1958; however, the Missouri license is listed as 278 wherein actually it should be 274 and the reports in the Springfield Office are being appropriately changed.

The Bureau is requested to advise regarding dissemination of the above; dlso observations regarding future dissemination of this type information to the Internal Revenue Service.

St. Louis is being furnished copies of this letter for their information and guidance in the event information is developed that should be disseminated to the Internal Revenue Service.

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A review of the investigative files in the above-captioned investigations reflected that summary reports were submitted in lieu of investigative reports. The Bureau feels that periodic investigative reports contain more detailed information and lend for better supervision. Investigative reports should be submitted in the above-captioned matters within ten days of the receipt of this communication.

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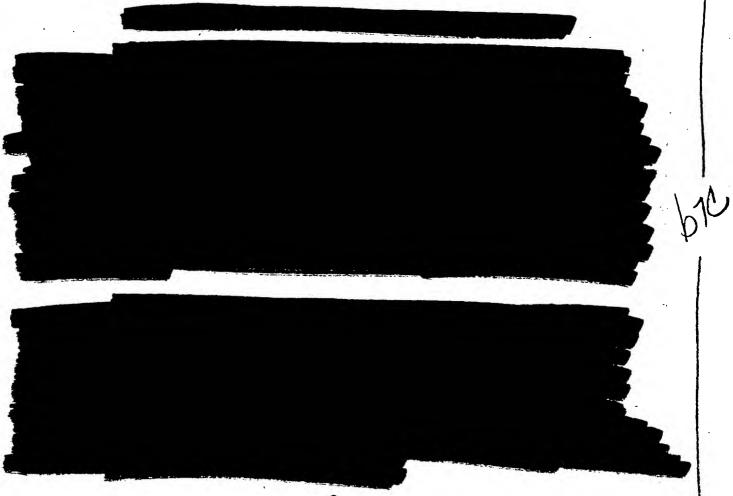
### DETAILS: A. PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

FRANK LEONARD WORTHAM, commonly known as "BUSTER".

Parsonal history and background regarding this individual has been previously reported. He still resides at the Broadview Motel, East St. Louis, Illinois.

ELHER SILVESTER DOWLING, commonly known as "DUTCH".

Drive, Collinsville, Illinois, and information regarding the personal history and background of DOWLING has been previously reported.



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### B. CRIMINAL RECORD

There is no information to be reported under this heading.

#### C. ASSOCIATES

As has previously been set out, FRANK "BUSTER"

WORTMAN and associates, are a close knit organization and as mentioned, the principal associates include DOWLING,



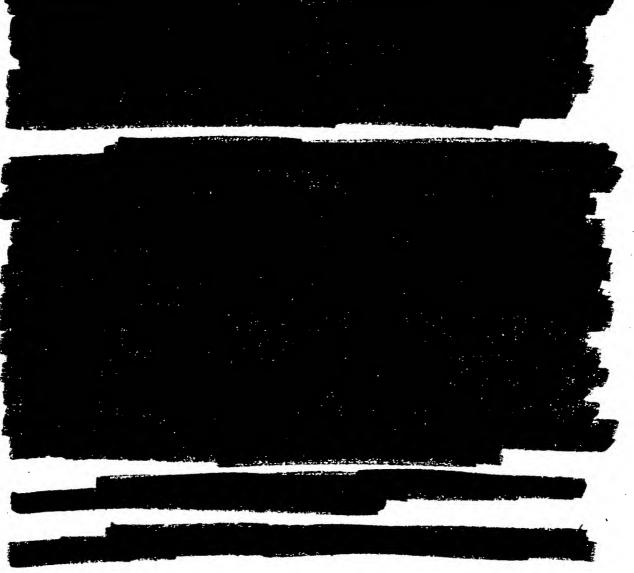
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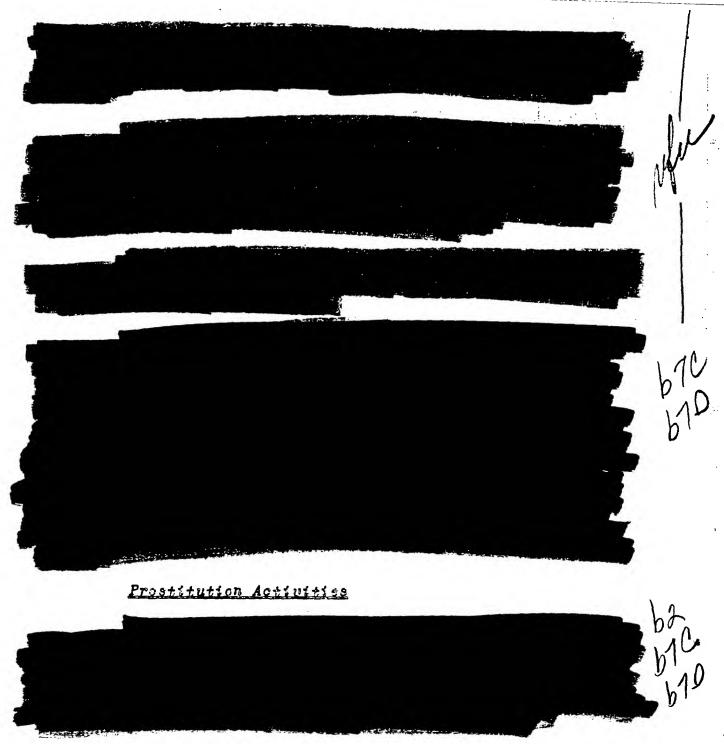
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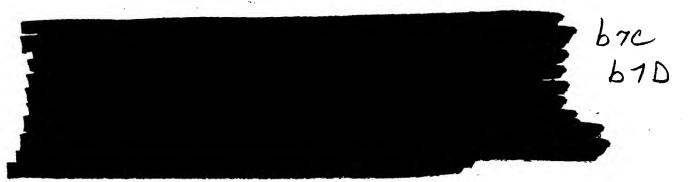
It is noted that it has been previously reported that this place is reportedly owned by FRANK WORTMAN and ELMER DOWLING. At the time of this conversation, a blackjack game was in operation at this location.

It should be noted the individual neterred to by St. Louis letter,

a parking place for gambling patrons of the Ranch House when this place was in operation in 1957.

The Cleo Club formerly was the Red Rooster and was a WORTMAN controlled gambling casino and bobkie location.prior to 1956. The Madison-St. Clair County line is reported to divide the building occupied by this club.





By communication dated June 16, 1958, the Salt Lake City Office advised that no additional information has been developed regarding FRANK WORTMAN's activities at Las Vegas, Nevada. They advised that no information has been developed of any current interest or activities of FRANK WORTMAN in Las Vegas.

#### E. LEGITIVATE ENTERPRISES

#### Prevue Club

The Prevue Club on Collinsville Road between East St. Louis and Collinsville, was a lavish gambling casino operated by WORTMAN and associates until it was closed by the State Police raids in 1955.



on July 7, 1958, SA Cobserved at the Prevue Club at about twelve noon accompanied by a man in a 1957 Oldsmobile.

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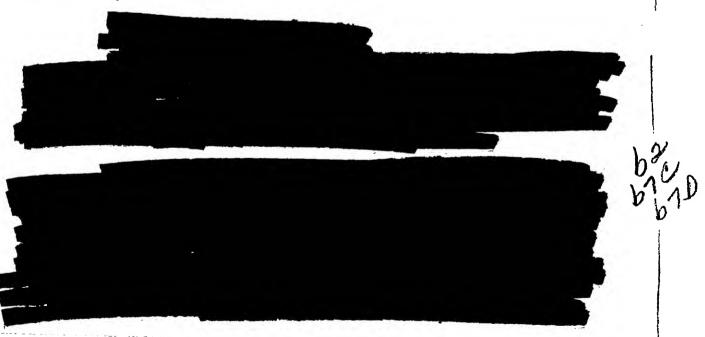
a truck of the Melman Fixture Company, St. Louis, Missouri, bearing Missouri Truck License 615 316. Three Negroes were loading fixtures from the Prevue on this truck and the man from the above-mentioned Oldsmobile was directing the operation. Was also present. Two other automobiles were at the location, a 1955-Plymouth

#### and a 1955 Oldsmobile

After the above-mentioned truck was loaded with what appeared to be kitchen equipment, the left the Prevue and was observed driving directly to the Paddock Lounge.

At the Paddock was located FRANK WORTHAN's and ELMER DOWLING's automobiles. Leaving the Paddock a matter of 30 minutes after

The report of SA dated July 7, 1958, in this investigation at St. Leuis, on pages 16 and 17, set out additional information regarding the sale and purchase of the Prevue Club.



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has been observed by agents on numerous occasions, going in and out of the Paddock.

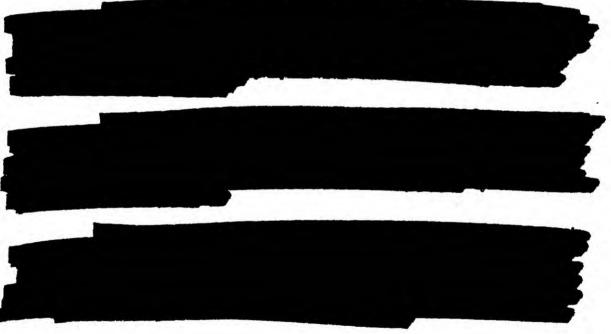
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On May 12, 1958, a Chrysler Imperial automobile, as well as FRANK WORTMAN were observed at the moat property at about 4 P.W. by SAs for the moat property.

LINUM. There were two unknown individuals with WORTMAN working about the property.

On July 11, 1958, WORTMAN and one unknown individual were observed driving to the most property in WORTMAN's Imperial Chrysler by SA Common On this same date, automobile was observed at the most property.





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The Paddock Lounge



In spot checks of the Paddock Lounge over the period of this investigation, WORTMAN's Imperial Chrysler was observed on numerous and frequent occasions parked in the lot on dates of May 1, May 5, May 12, May 20, May 27, the lot on dates of May 1, July 3, July 7, July 8, 1958. Also May 29, June 1, July 2, July 3, July 7, July 8, 1958. Also observed at the Paddock parking lot were the automobiles of ELMER DOWLING.

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It is noted that the Paddock Lounge appears to be the meeting place and business location for WORTMAN and his associates. This information has been confirmed by on numerous occasions.

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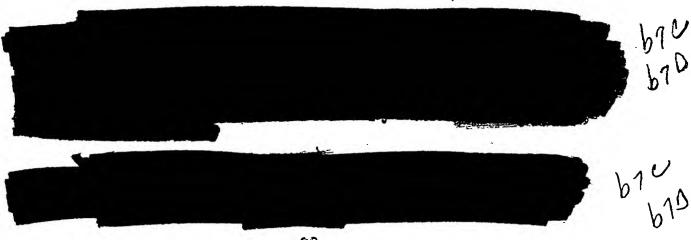
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The St. Louis and East St. Louis Press carried extensive articles during the latter part of June, 1958, regarding the appearance of FRANK WORTMAN, SAN MAGIN and STEPHEN GORMAN before the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee, Washington, D. C.

Deputy United States Marshal JAMES THOMPSON on June 24, 1958, stated he had subposens for WORTMAN and he wanted to serve WORTMAN first. These individuals subsequently were served at the Paddock Lounge while seated in ELMER DOWLING's automobile.

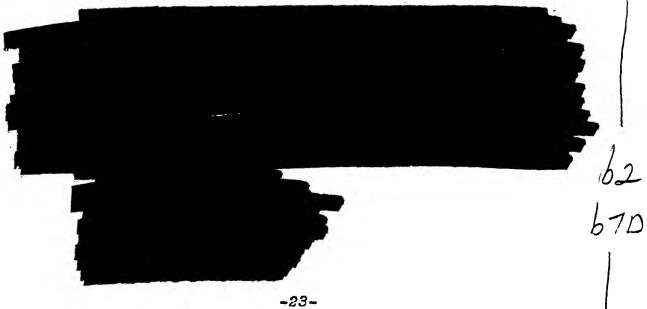


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It has been reported in the press that GORNAN was excused until a later date for appearance and that his attorney DAN REARDON of St. Louis, Missouri, had wired the Senate Committee that GORMAN would appear but he would take the Fifth Amendment. It is noted that both WAGIN and WORTMAN answered no questions except giving their name and address as reported in the press.



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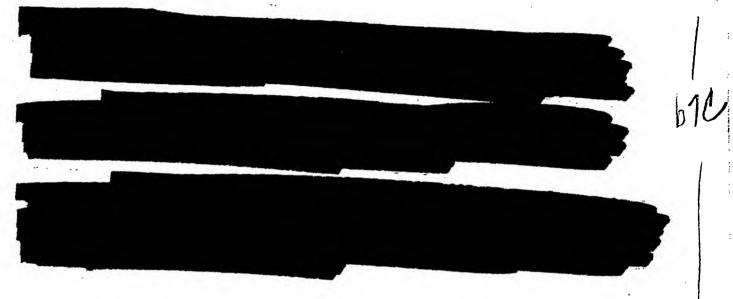


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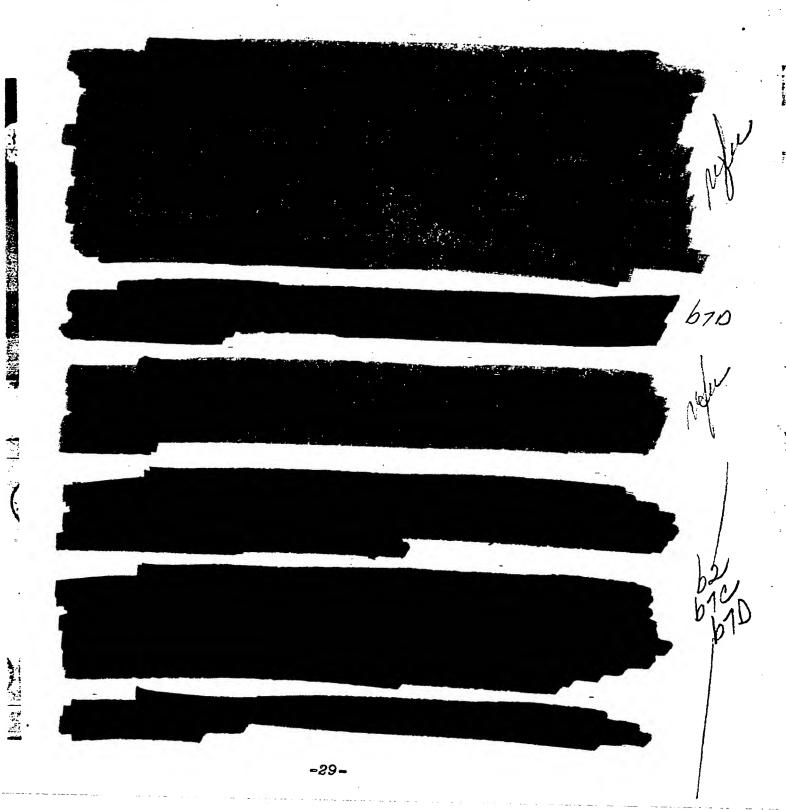
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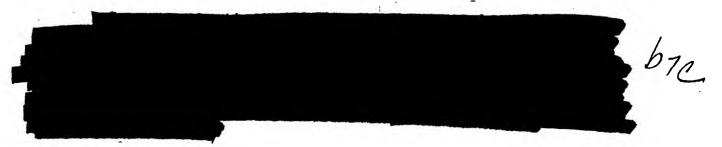
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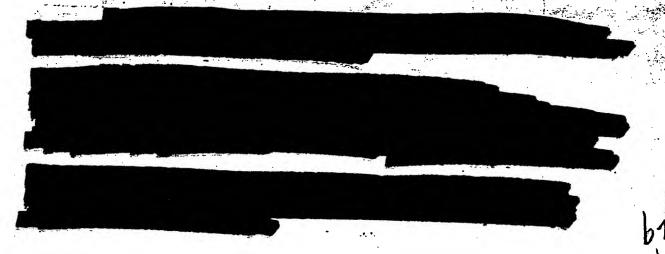
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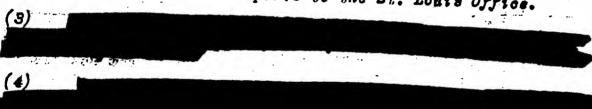
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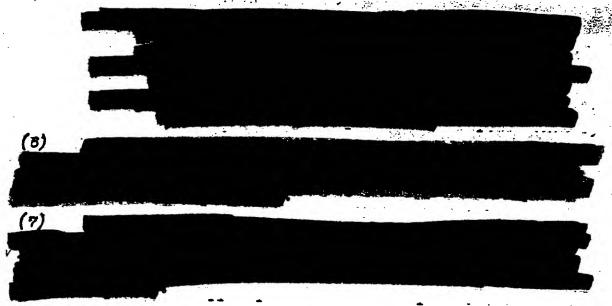


(5) Will interview the following persons in connection with alleged sale of the Prevue Club at East St. Louis, it being noted that automobiles registered to the following individuals were at the Prevue Club, July 7, 1958, with

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(8) - St. Louis letter to Springfield dated June 18, 1956, entitled FRANK LEONARD WORTHAN, was., "BUSTER", GIIF, TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE, on page 2, sets out information that SE

(9) The St. Louis Office should cover the investigation requested in Springfield letter of June 9, 1958, regarding alleged extortion of money from automobile dealers.

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  - (5) Will check property and mortgage records Madison County, regarding DOWLING's residence and the Prevue Club operation.

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(15) Will maintain contact with informants and contacts previously mentioned in this investigation.

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Upon his return this report will be completed and submitted immediately to the Bureau.

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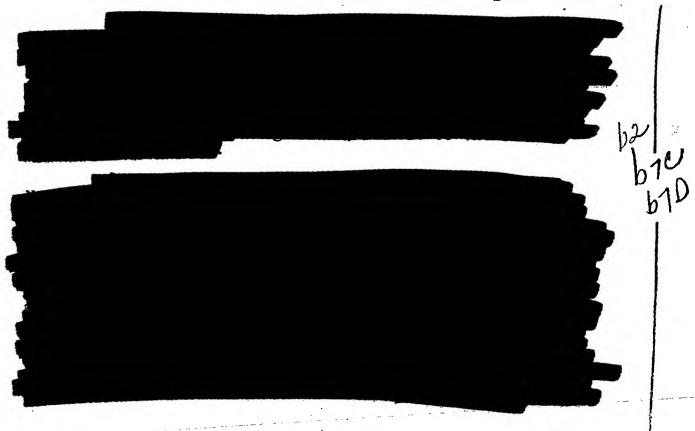
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#### D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

The St. Louis Post Dispatch in an article dated July 9, 1958 shows that questionnaires prepared by the police and the State Liquor Control Office at Jefferson City, Missouri, had been distributed to operators of 1300 taverns and package liquor stores in St. Louis County. The distribution followed reports that underworld sources hoped to use some taverns for gambling after making loans to owners. stated in the article that 300 St. Louis County tavern operators had not answered these questions relating to sources of financial assistance and that they were going to be reported to the State Liquor authorities. The article continues that three liquor establishment operators who did answer the above questionnaires admitted loans from Plaza Amusement Company or the E & W Finance Company indicated as enterprises of gangster FRANK (BUSTER) WORTMAN at 1912 Washington Avenue.



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#### E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

PREVUE CLUB

The St. Louis Globe Democrat on September 8, 1958 carried an article showing that the old Club Prevue Building at 8001 Collinsville Avenue, Madison County, Illinois, would become a general merchandise mart under plans of J. W. (JACK) HOLLEY, 316 Woodside Drive, Kirkwood, Missouri, following his purchase of that building on or about September 8, 1958. It was indicated in the article that HOLLEY's purchase of the building was revealed by records in the Madison County Recorder of Deeds Office. It was stated that HOLLEY, until recently manager of Grandpa Pidgeon's in Bridgeton, Missouri, had stated he bought the property from A. WALTERS of St. Louis. The article stated HOLLEY was unable to give any further identification of the seller and declined to reveal the price. It was stated that included in the purchase by HOLLEY were approximately eight acres of land adjacent to the building.



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F. PLACES OF AMUSEMENT AND HANGOUTS FREQUENTED

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#### G. TRAVEL

The St. Louis Office is not aware of any travel conducted by subjects inasmuch as such travel normally would originate from their homes or hangouts in the East St. Louis, Illinois area.

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#### H. PERSONAL HABITS AND PECULIARITIES

The St. Louis Office has no information concerning the personal habits and/or peculiarities of subjects.

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### I. MISCELLANEOUS

It is to be noted that the Springfield Division has previously advised that information was received in May 1958 that starting some years ago WORTMAN and associates through pressure or threats started extorting money from the following automobile dealers:

